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Triple murder and suicide overshadow Belfast visit by Irish republic president

Policeman kills 3 at Sinn Fein HQ

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent

A YOUNG policeman er Falls Road, armed with a bluffed his way into the Sinn Fein offices in Belfast and shot three people dead yesterday. He then drove to Lough Neagh and killed himself.

The shootings, hours after the officer had been arrested and suspended from duty for drunkenly firing shots over a colleague's grave, overshadowed the Irish president's first visit to Northern Ireland and coincided with a mass protest against terrorist

President Robinson said she was distressed and appalled by the incident, adding that such tragedies were all too common in the province. Police said the 24-year-old

constable had been disraught over the death of a ellow constable in a domestic incident last Thursday. That officer, whose wife has been charged, was buried in Comber, Co Down, on Monday and that night his friend was detained after firing shots over the grave. The officer was disarmed and released into the care of a senior officer after promising to attend an official medical examination

yesterday lunchtime. But instead of keeping the appointment, he drove to the Sinn Fein offices on the Low-

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Venezuela

coup fails

Venezuela's defence minis-

ter said rebel troops had

surrendered in Maracaibo.

the last stronghold, after a

coup attempt against Pres-

ident Carlos Andrés Pérez.

Loyal forces control the

country, ending the first

military threat in 34 years of democracy.......... Page 9

Radio licence

TV-am and Virgin, losers

in the independent tele-

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ional radio licence even

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Sara Keays told a libel jury

that the scandal in her 11-

year affair with Cecil Par-

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Mike Tyson's defence law-

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pump-action shotgun. He gained entry by posing as a journalist with an appointment for an interview, then opened fire, killing three people and wounding two

The 24-year-old police-man, who is believed to have been a member of the RUC's anti-terrorist mobile support unit, then drove off in a BMW. Twenty minutes later. he telephoned the Newtown abbey police station and said he was responsible for the murders, and soon after-wards he called again to say he was in the Lough Neagh area to the west of Belfast Within 15 minutes, his body had been discovered in his car with the gun lying next to

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president who arrived at his party's headquarters five minutes after yesterday's at-tack, said the three victims had been shot in the chest at close range. "One died within seconds of my arriving. There were shotgun cartridges on the floor and some of those who were killed were shot

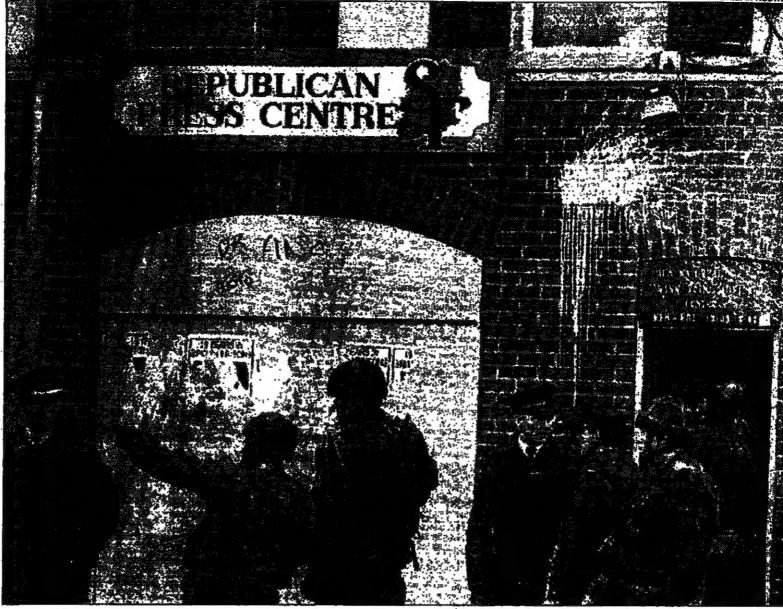
One of the dead was an elderly doorman who was not a member of Sinn Fein. It was not immediately clear if the other two who died were party members. One of the wounded was seriously ill in hospital, the other, a woman who was shot in the mouth, was not thought to be in a serious condition.

President Robinson, speak ing three hours after the shootings, appealed for great-er understanding among the people of Ireland to bring an end to the bloodshed. "We must find more common ground." she said at a press conference at the Linen Hall

library."We must learn to live, together on this island. There is a task for politicians, but broader sense understanding.

"None of us can stand aside from this. We must all, by knowing each other better. work for the kind of linkages and relationships which will help us to hopefully grow out of this cycle of violence which is causing us such pain and such sorrow."

Mr Adams, who like Mrs Robinson spoke before the policeman's role had been disclosed, said the attack was an inevitable product of a McCarthyite climate of intimidation against Sinn Fein. "It's little wonder that the same people who are involved in that climate think they can kill Sinn Fein supporters. Those who condemn Sinn Fein, those who involve them-



Members of the security forces outside the Sinn Fein HQ on the Falls Road in Belfast after yesterday's triple murder

selves in that climate, cannot remove themselves absolutely from the tragic incident here

Seamus Mallon, security spokesman for the SDLP, called for a full investigation saying: These killings will cause personal grief to many and increase the fear, anger and sense of despair within the community. The peculiar circumstances of these murders raises a number of questions which demand clear and unequivocal answers from the authorities." Ulster had become the murder capi-

tal of Europe, he said. The shootings, described by the RUC as a tragic seone of Northern Ireland's bloodiest months in recent years. Seventeen civilians were killed in January, including eight builders am-bushed on their way home from work. Yesterday, about Continued on page 14, col 5

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Mary Robinson, Irish president, on her Belfast visit

Labour promises to ban big classes

By JOHN O'LEARY schools. He said that the gov-

LABOUR yesterday renewed its effort to make education a top election issue with a commitment to impose a legal ban on overcrowded classes and by pressing home its attack on the government's approach to the revival of grammar schools.

Neil Kinnock, the party leader, led the assault and promised to cut state school classes to a maximum of 40 children within a year of taking office. Labour would establish a maximum class size of 35 within three years, even-

tually bringing the figure down to 30. He also restated Labour's commitment to abolish selective schools. "When Kenneth Clarke stumbles into saying that he has 'no objection' to the remergence of the grammar, secondary modern and technical school system, it is clear that he wants a future made up of yesterdays. When he should be facing up to the

talgia for the 1950s." Matthew Taylor, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, also criticised Mr Clarke's weekend statement that he would look sympathetically at grant-main-tained schools that want to become grammar schools. "We are opposed to the 11plus system that grammar schools imply, but we would not stand in the way if local people want it. What you cannot do is to leave it to one particular opted-out school to decide because that has an

impact on all the rest." Mr Clarke denied any

Full details, page 15 change of heart on grammar

needs and realities of the 1990s. [he] succumbs to nos-

ernment did not intend to

impose any organisational

pattern for schools, and any

application for a change of

character from comprehen-

sive to selective entry would

He added: "We are all con-

be considered on its merits.

cerned by excessive class sizes.

but class sizes are smaller-

than they were ten years ago.

Most of the remaining exces-

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elephants will be shot by Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa for their skins and ivory.

The UK Government may support their plan to allow the sale of the skins on the international market. That means overturning the international ban on trade in elephant products.

Two years ago before the international ban was passed, 100:000 elephants were being killed every year. Poaching has declined dramatically since the ban.

The bari is now in serious danger of being weakened and thousands of elephants face extermination.

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Four hundred call hotline on Britain's most wanted man

By Craig Seton and Peter Davenport

of telephone calls yesterday after issuing an artist's impression and a description of the man who kidnapped Stephanie Slater, the Birmingham estate agent. More than 400 people rang a hotline number within hours

tion was most useful for company information, The of an appeal for help. Times was read by 43 per The front and side facial cent, more than the Daily views were prepared by an Telegraph and the Indeartist from Miss Slater's recpendent combined. For ollections of her abductor and City information, the Fipolice believe they are a good nancial Times rated 87 per likeness. They have also re-.... Page 15 leased a sketch of a badge with a railway motif which INDEX .

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POLICE received hundreds she showed him around a about 5ft 7in, with straight, house in Great Barr, Birmingham, two weeks ago. Detectives are checking its origins with British Rail, railway societies and magazines.

Police have linked Miss Slater's abductor with the man who kidnapped Julie Dart, aged 18, in Leeds last July. She was found strangled ten days later. Incident rooms have been set up by West Midlands and West Yorkshire police in Birmingham and Leeds.

Miss Slater, aged 25, told police that her kidnapper was

thick dark hair, brushed back, and a short neck. He had a broad face with a square forehead and a straight nose, which was indented at the end, making it look slightly prominent. He was wearing black framed spectacles, but detectives believe that they could have been part of a disguise. He spoke in a soft voice, possibly with a Yorkshire accent, and was wearing a hip-length black jacket in duffle-coat type material with a badge showing a train on railway

BAe need not repay £44m sweeteners

BRITISH Aerospace will not have to repay the £44.4 mil-lion received in sweeteners from the government in 1988 to buy the Rover Group.

The European Court of Justice ruled yesterday that although the European Com-mission was substantially correct in ruling the Rover aid illegal, it had overstepped its powers by addressing its complaint directly to the government

Sir Leon Brittan, the European competition commissioner, is considering whether to open a new case.

Veil is lifted on Arafat's secret wedding

IN CAIRO

YASSIR Arafat has been wedded to the Palestinian cause for as long as anyone can remember, his private life a mystery. His dedication is to the cause of Palestine; the most persistent image of him is of a man with an olive branch in

one hand and a gun in the other.

But now persistent rumours which have had the Middle East agog for the past few days have been confirmed: Mr Arafat, aged 62, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, with his familiar chequered keffiyeh (head-dress) and permanent designer stubble, has

married for the first time.

Arab diplomats yesterday named his new wife as Suha Tawil, aged 28, one of his advisers on economic affairs and the daughter of one of the best-known Palestinian poets, Raymonda Tawil, a founder of the Jerusalem-based Paleslim. "I cannot deny it, but it is chairman Arafat's right to declare it officially." Raymonda Tawil said. "I believe there will be a communiqué from PLO HQ in

The Arab sources said that the wedding was in Tunis last month, but an aide to Mr Arafat in the Tunisian capital said coyly: "We never comment on such private matters."

would be an important gesture indicat-ing the unity of Palestinian Muslims and Christians. When asked in the past why he had never married, Mr Arafat

Mossad, the Israeli secret service, has often been blamed for spreading rumours that Mr Arafat was homosexual. This has been countered by accounts from Palestinian colleagues of his relationships over the years with a number of Arab women, usually described as amply built, mother figures.

In the mid-1970s it was reported widely that he sent aides to propose to

brightest and most attractive members of the PLO's large entourage. Educated in political studies at the Sorbonne, she worked directly for Mr Arafat in Tunis.



from HQ likely soon



should have to share the rigours of his

Tunis about this in a day or two."

The PLO leader is a Sunni Muslim, while the Tawils, who lived for many years in Ramallah, in the Israeli occupied West Bank, are Greek Orthodox Christians. Mrs Tawil, who now lives in Paris and Washington, described Mr Arafat as the spiritual leader of all Palestinians, and said his marriage

Nada al-Yashrouti, a beautiful Palestinian widow who lived in Beirut. She turned him down, saying she loved him as a Palestinian leader but not as a Miss Tawil is known as one of the

Arafat: a communique

Losers in TV bids tipped to win radio franchise

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

were confident of success.

Bruce Gyngell, chairman of

TV-am and the radio venture

Independent Music Radio

said: "We put in the highest

bid we thought commensu-

rate with running a profit; £4

million does seem optimistic.

I think it looks quite good for

Toby Horton, a director of INBC and prospective Tory parliamentary candidate for Pother Valley and the Valley a

Rother Valley, south York-shire, defended his consor-

tium's high bid. "We have a

unique opportunity to broad-

cast to 40 million people. We

expect our audience reach to

grow from 5 per cent next

year to 25 per cent in 1996. We are optimistic about ad-

vertising revenue because this will be the catalyst that turns radio into a major advertising

Other bidders were not

nearly so optimistic. National

Rock Radio, the Allied Enter-

tainment/Atlantic 252 ven-

ture which submitted the lowest bid of £211,000,

described INBC's bid as com-mercial suicide. Ed Simons, Allied's chairman, said: "Our

two partners [RTE and CLT,

the Luxembourg broadcaster)

operate the nearest thing to a

national radio station [Atlantic 252] and they could not justify more than £211,000." The two other bidders were

20/20 Radio, backed by Chil-

tern Radio, the Home Coun-

ties commercial station with

an offer of £1.31 million, and

Score Radio, backed by Scot-

land's Radio Clyde, Lord Hanson and David Jacobs, a

former Radio 2 presenter, with a bid of £701,000. Rich-

ard Findlay, a director of Radio Clyde, said he could

not imagine a business plan that would support INBCs f4

The winner of the national licence will also have to pay an annual licence fee to the

Radio Authority of £645.000,

plus 4 per cent of advertising

revenue to the Treasury.

Transmission costs are esti-mated at £1.5 million a year,

while royalty payments to the Phonographic Performance are expected to reach £2.5

The authority will an-

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TWO MPs yesterday called

for a referendum over the

proposed £25 million toll

bridge to the isle of Skye

and said the islanders

should wait for a toll-free

bridge to be built out of

Brian Wilson, Labour's

Scottish transport spokes-

man and Charles Kennedy,

president of the Liberal

Democrats, were speaking at the public enquiry into

the proposal. Mr Wilson

said that his party believed that the bridge was not being provided to improve

communications for people

travelling to Skye, but to get a foothold in Scotland for

He said that previous road bridges in the High-

lands had taken their place

in the queue for public funds. We can see no rea-

toll-funded projects.

public funds.

nounce the winner in April.

million bid.

million a year.

TV-AM and Virgin, losers in last autumn's independent television blind bid auction, have emerged as industry favourites to win the battle for Britain's second independent national radio licence, despite their joint bid failing to offer the most cash.

An annual bid of £4.01 million from Independent National Broadcasting Com-pany (INBC), a consortium of Sheffield businessmen and former radio executives, yesterday stunned the radio and advertising industries, with executives predicting that its bid will be rejected as unsustainable by the Radio Authority. Last August Classic FM won the non-pop national licence after the highest bid-der, Showtime Radio at £1.75 million, failed to secure the finance.

Steve Hyde, broadcasting director in charge of radio at Zenith Media, the advertising airtime sales agency, said: There's no question this radio auction will be a repeat of the last fiasco. INBC's bid is ridiculously high. I give it am and Virgin will probably

Five bidders emerged by yesterday's 2pm application deadline, all but one promising a mix of album rock and Top 40 pop hits. Capital Radio, the successful London station, failed to submit a bid after coming to the conclusion that local, rather than national, radio was a better

Virgin and TV-am, who bid £1.88 million in a 50-50 joint venture, said last night they

Lamont forced to increase borrowing

By ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

DOWNING Street yesterday indicated that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, would be telling MPs in his Budget on March 10 of the government's need to increase borrowing further. As well as revising upwards his autumn statement borrowing figures for 1991-2 he will be scaling down the growth prediction, after a weaker than expected performance in the last quarter of

There is a growing belief in government circles that the economy's failure to stir into life will be used by the Chan-cellor to justify "fiscal activism", a euphemism for tax cuts, to stimulate high street spending. Ministers are now using the gloomy economic news to justify a turnround on their willingness to give a short-term stimulus to the

In the Commons yesterday there were acrimonious exchanges between John Major and Neil Kinnock in which the Labour leader accused the prime minister of presiding over the worst recession since the 1930s with no idea of what to do to end it.

Officials later said that it was "bananas" to suggest that the economy was as bad as in the 1930s and insisted that the current recession was "enormously shallower" than that of 1979-81. There was "no way" that the figures for the last recession would be

In the 1979-81 recession, GDP had fallen by 1.9 per cent, non-oil GDP by 5.5 per cent and manufacturing output by 15.6 per cent. On the latest figures, GDP was down 3.4 per cent, non-oil GDP by the same figure and output by

After a brief respite on Monday the Commons was yesterday back to full-scale electioneering. When Mr Kinnock said the government had caused the longest recession since the 1930s and "do not have a clue how to get out of it", Mr Major suggested that his Labour counterpart was economically illiterate and incapable of leading his party or the country.

Mr Major said Britain's ills were part of a world recession and quoted Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, as saying that the conditions were now in place to underpin a sustained recovery.

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Falls Road fortifications hid lax security

Steel shutters on windows and rock boulders outside the Sinn Fein offices served little purpose, writes Jamie Dettmer

THE Republican offices in the Falis Road where the gunman struck yesterday are fortified with reinforced steel shutters on the windows and wire grids covering all the doors.

Surveillance cameras monitor the adjacent streets and, to gain entrance, visitors are scrutinised on the closed-circuit television set and questioned on the inter-com. Outside the rundownlooking offices, huge boulders have been placed to deter any Beirut-style suicidal car bomb attack on the building.

Despite all the apparatus

and surveillance equipment, the security at the Falls Road offices is not tight. Once visitors are inside, the casually dressed guards on duty tend not to frisk them or study with any obvious con-centration identification documents that may be offered. Generally, two gaurds are on duty and they spend most of their time in a cramped office off the main waiting room, reading the local papers and watching

Paddy Loughran, the elderly doorman who was killed in yesterday's shooting, was hardly an intimidating presence. He enjoyed a gossip and a joke and usually regaled visiting British in the left. ish journalists with bloodcurdling stories.

One of the reasons for the relaxed atmosphere at the Falls Road offices is that the maze-like building serves a dual purpose. As well as accommodating the Repub-lican press office on the first floor, the building is used as a drop-in centre for Catholics in West Belfast eager to seek advice on housing or

social security problems.

As part of its political effort to secure support for Republicanism, Sinn Fein has invested much time in campaigning on local issues such as housing. One of the people killed yesterday was reported to have been in the building to enquire about accommodation in the area.

The ground floor rooms are decorated with IRA posters, many featuring the hun-ger striker Bobby Sands. Most of the rooms on the first floor are clean but bare. with white-washed walls. Sinn Fein opened the Re-

Far horizons: Tony Stones lines up his bronze sculptures of Pacific

discoverers before their dispatch to Expo 92 in Seville. From left: Captain

Cook, de Bougainville, Abel Tasman, de Mendana, de Quiros, Magellan and Kupe, in Maori tradition the discoverer of New Zealand in AD 1,000

Skye bridge 'must be free'

BY KERRY GILL

son in logic why the ap-proach to Skye should be any different. From the

word go, however, the de-

sign and everything else to do with the project has had to be cost-led because of the

over-riding requirement

that the operator must get his outlay back, plus profit.

within a plausible timescale."

claims that there would be

no Skye bridge for at least

20 years without private funding and high tolls were "famous and misleading". "The claim that this was the

only way for Skye to get a bridge in less than 20 years

does not appear to hold wat-

er. It was a scare tactic, used

Sir Iain Noble, the mer-

chant banker and a land-

owner on the isle of Skye,

as a bludgeon."

Mr Wilson said that



Attack survivor: an injured man is carried from the Sinn Fein offices after yesterday's killings

publican press centre in 1970. For many years there was only one press officer and, apart from installing a telex machine to send out press releases. Sinn Fein made little effort at news

In 1981, during the hun-ger strikes at the Maze prison, Richard McAuley, then the press officer, could say to a visiting journalist: "Do you know the famous Republican propaganda machine everybody talks about? ...

The creation of a wider press machine came after the hunger strikes, when the IRA recognised the full value of propaganda. Instead of searching for comments and guidance from informal Republican contacts, the pre suddenly found a much more formalised, centrally controlled and professional

network. A fax machine was installed in the Falls Road

argued that the proposed bridge was a waste of public

money. He told the enquiry that

existing ferries were not only cheaper but added a

certain mystique to Skye-Why waste public money

to provide a method of going across the Kyle which

is less economic than the

present ferry? I do not think

the bridge is going to be a magic wand that brings

prosperity to Skye. The pub-

lic in Skye are coming out against the bridge in in-

creasing numbers. But it

seems the government will

insist on having a facility which we do not want, to

establish a principle."
Richard Cameron, High-

land region's planning di-rector, said that the concept

of a bridge in an area of

such high scenic quality was

neither incongruous nor

offices (even the Royal Ulster Constabulary's press office did not have one) and local Sinn Fein offices throughout the province began to open their doors to reporters. The Republican news management effort was not copied by the less well-organised Protestant paramilitaries.

Like Margaret Thatcher, the Republican leaders came to understand that paramilitary activity thrived on "the oxygen of publicity and they became adept in trying to exploit the media.

The Falls Road building is in sight of an army observation post at the top of a block

of flats near by. Republicans who work in the press centre frequently claim that sophisticated lisplaced near the building by the security forces so that all conversations can be picked

Triple shooting, page 1

Irish president's plea for peace

BY EDWARD GORMAN

MARY Robinson, the Irish president, did not allow the murders at Sinn Fein headquarters yesterday to dis-tract her from her mission

Mrs Robinson, accompanied by her husband Nick, was making her first visit to Belfast since being elected president. She said: "We must learn to live together

on this island." The task facing her was brought home at the outset yesterday when Nigel Dodds, the Unionist Lord Mayor of Belfast, refused to welcome her to the city because of the republic's claim to Northern Ireland. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist party, said that he would not meet Mrs Robinson resigned

from the Irish Labour party in 1985 because the Anglo-Irish Agreement was carried through without consultation with Unionists. She is known to believe that the republic's constitu-tional claim to Northern Ireland should be modified. She began her visit by

meeting women's groups at the offices of the Equal Opportunities Commission. She then lunched at the Law Society. Later she saw voluntary and community groups before attending a reception at Stormont hosted by Peter Brooke, the

Orkney sex abuse claims 'all a lie'

A child who said that sex rituals took place in an Orkney quarry, leading to the seizure of nine children by social workers almost a year ago, later told her interviewer that the allegations were "all a lie" (Kerry Gill writes).

The contradiction emerged for the first time yesterday at the judicial enquiry into the seizures, when Liz McLean, aged 49. an official with the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, gave evidence about her so-called "disclosure interviews" with the three children who made the original accusations.

Miss McLean told the enquiry, before Lord Clyde in Kirkwall, that she thought the girl was testing her to see if she believed the stories of sexual rituals involving child-ren, adults and the local Church of Scotland minister.

Miss McLean said that, a week before the other children were taken from their homes at dawn and flown to the Scottish mainland, the girl claimed that the allegations were a lie. The children were returned five weeks

Miss McLean told the enquiry: "At one point in this interview, she said, 'Did you know this was all a lie?"
Asked by Donald Macfadyen, QC, counsel to the enquiry, what impression the remark had made on her. Miss McLean replied: "I was on the floor beside her at the time and ! looked at her. When she said it, she turned to me and looked up and smiled quietly and then we went on together with what she was doing.

"I felt that I knew her well enough to form the impression that she was perhaps testing out myself and Linda Williamson (a policewoman), rather than meaning that all of what had gone before was a lie" Miss McLean said.

The enquiry continues

Drug dealer made £ ½ m

A drug dealer who had made £550,000 in the nine months since his release from prison was jailed for nine and a half years yesterday. John McLaughlin, aged 40, of McLaughlin, Streatham, southwest London, admitted possessing heroin with intent to supply and having a gun as convicted criminal

Kingston crown court was told that McLaughlin had nearly a kilo of heroin at home and another kilo in a safe deposit box when he was arrested driving a Mercedes London, on September 17.

Killer escapes from guards

A murderer who escaped from two prison guards at knifepoint was being hunted by police last night. John McFadyen, aged 27, serving life for the murder of a drugs courier, was being driven under escort by hire car from Full Sutton prison near York to Wormwood Scrubs in

The Home Office said that McFadyen, who was handcuffed to one of the guards, pulled out a 6in knife. He forced the guards out of the car on the Mi, and ordered the driver to take him to Euston, north London.

Defence move is cancelled

Plans to move more than 1,000 government defence staff from the South-East to Teesside have been cancelled. Kenneth Carlisle, the junior defence procurement minister, said that the decision would save £40 million.

The majority of the defence quality assurance staff, who were based at Woolwich and Bromley, southeast London. will now be merged into the Defence Research Agency es-tablishments in Malvern. Hereford and Worcester. Famborough and Pyestock, Hampshire, and Fort Halstead, Kent.

Kapist warned

A convicted rapist was warned by a judge that he faces life imprisonment after being found guilty of raping and attacking a girl aged 16 and seriously sexually assaulting a student aged 20. John Broom, aged 30, of Staple Hill, Bristol, will be sentenced in a fortnight. Bristol crown court was told that he had been jailed for five years in 1979 for raping a woman at gunpoint in Bristol.

Muggers return to medieval thief row

By PETER DAVENPORT

TIMES and tastes may change but crime and crimi-nals display a depressing consistency. Archaeologists in York have unearthed a collection of empty purses in what they describe as a medieval muggers' alley. And when they returned to the site each Monday morning they found modern empty purses and wallets apparently thrown over the fence by thieves of

The medieval purses were found close together in what used to be an alley at Swinegate, an area in the centre of York frequented in Chaucer's time by thieves and prostitutes. Archaeologists who excavated the site, since covered by a £5 million shopping development, believe they may have uncovered a dumping ground for the unwanted proceeds of street criminals

Nick Pearson, the director of the excavation and a member of the York Archaeological Trust, said yesterday: "In the 13th century, the area at the back of Swinegate was a real thieves' kitchen."

The absence of coins or valuables and the proximity of the purses suggested to the archaeologists that they had not just been carelessly dropped. But it was the behaviour of modern criminals which confirmed to Mr Pearson and his team the accuracy of their theory. "Every Monday morning when we returned to the site we found empty purses and wallets which had been thrown over the hoardings surrounding it. They had obviously been stolen over the weekend and separated from the cash and credit cards they contained before being discarded. It's a quite nice example of behaviour which hasn't changed

ship, according to a survey. business ratepayers about the

across the country.

ness rate is set centrally by the Treasury, it is collected locally by councils before being paid into a central pool for distribution across the country with government grant. Under the 1988 Local Government Finance Act, councils have the power to "reduce or remit" business rate payments if they are satisfied that the ratepayer: would suffer

John Harris, policy chairman of the federation, said: "Business rates are an unfair tax not related to ability to pay. Businesses profits have been hit by the recession, yet their rates bills continue to go up. We fought long and hard for this relief but now we find that nine out of ten local authorities have pushed aside all thought of giving relief. Our survey shows how little local councils value their small business community."

rate rebates for struggling firms

Small businesses are finding that a long campaign for a rebate scheme was not worth fighting, reports Douglas Broom

Town halls refuse

SMALL firms are being forced out of business by local councils refusing to use special powers to grant business rate rebates in cases of hard-The Federation of Small Businesses says that only one local authority has told its rebate scheme and fewer than 20 rebates have been granted

The federation's survey. published yesterday, found that only Labour-controlled Dudley council in the West Midlands had included details of the scheme with busi-ness rate bills. It had received six applications and turned them all down. The most rebates had been granted by Cardiff city council, which had approved all 12 applications it had received.

Although the uniform busi-

the time had come to extend the rebate scheme, Mr Harris Local authorities are reluctant to award rebates because the government makes good only three quarters of the cost of a reduction, and the rest has to be passed on to poll tax payers. Rita Taylor, Conser-vative finance chairman of the Association of District

Councils, said: "It is not true

that we do not care about

small businesses but we do

According to environment

department figures, £18,000

worth of rebates have been

granted out of an annual

business rate income of £15

billion. With more than 200

small firms closing each day,

have to protect the interests of all local taxpayers." ☐ Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said that companies would have paid £1.8 billion more in rates over the past two years if councils had kept control of the rates. Attacking Labour's plans to restore control of business rates to town halls. he said that business would pay more. David Blunkett, Labour's

local government spokesman, rejected the figures as "dreamed up". Councils would be allowed to raise rates only in line with other increases in local taxation. Labour was committed to supporting small businesses. ☐ Cardiff city council gave a warning that it would have to cut services heavily because of £7.5 million of poll tax arrears. The Labour-controlled council has issued more than 82,000 summonses and obtained 65,000 liability

Audit body accused, page 5

Keays accuses Tories of hypocrisy over Parkinson scandal

Court libel jury yesterday that her 11-year affair with Cecil Parkinson was no sex scandal. The scandal in 1983 derived solely from the fact that Cecil Parkinson had concealed the truth about our affair and had allowed some pretty dreadful things to hap-pen to save his political skin."

Her words pouring out in a torrent, she said: "If anything about my book can be said to be scandalous, it is the political . . . the lies . . . the hypocrisy of the Conservative party.

I wish there would be public acknowledgment, certainly

by the press, that those were the things which were Miss Keays, aged 44, who wrote a book, A Question of Judgment, about her affair, with the former Conservative party chairman, said she was outraged and sickened by an

article in New Woman which she claims labelled her as a kiss-and-tell bimbo. "I'm nothing of the kind." Within minutes of starting her evidence on the second day of her libel action against the magazine, she was visibly angry when describing her

feelings about the article in October 1989. She was "ab-

solutely outraged" to be men-

tioned in an article on women

who made money by publishing revelations about their sex lives. The nine-man threewoman jury has heard that the article put Miss Keays in the company of "pillow talkers" such as Fiona Wright one-time lover of the former Burton boss Sir Ralph Halpern - the call girl Pame-

la Bordes and the former model Vicki Hodge: In her damages action.
Miss Keays, who has a
daughter, Flora, now aged
eight, by Mr Parkinson, claims the article accused her of writing a kiss-and-tell book to make money and cause maximum embarrassment and hurt to his reputation.

She told the jury: "I bear absolutely no resemblance. whatsover to any woman described in this article." The magazine's lies were the same as those "dished out" in 1983 and 1984,

which made it necessary for her to write her book. "I am having to go through the whole thing again." Asked by John Previte, QC, her counsel, what she thought about the suggestion in the article that money was part of her motive for writing her

was not so revolting, it would

be ludicrous. There's nothing

about the article, a single bit

Miss Keays, of Marksbury, Bath, described as "absolutely revolting" a suggestion in the article that her affair with Mr Parkinson was the "great-Britain since Profumo". book, Miss Keays said: "If it

est political sex scandal in She said: "It's not the only time I've been mentioned in the same breath as the Profumo business, but the

true, accurate or has any

foundation in fact. None of it.

is justified. Money was no

part of my motive for writing

my book." If it had been, she

could have made a great deal

more than she did by going to

an established publishing

house rather than publishing

tell" meant telling the inti-mate details of a love affair. "Quite plainly I have never done that, either in my book

or by any other means." To suggest it was that sort of book was a "damned lie."

The vast amount of my book is the political and per-sonal consequences to me of my pregnancy and the birth of my child. I was incensed

there should be an attempt to

portray me as having touted auctioned - my book. It's

the absolute reverse of the

To her, the words "kiss and

it herself.

reference to him immediately suggests I may be the same kind of woman as the women with whom he was involved." Asked about the article's conjecture over whether it was coincidence that serialisation was timed to co-

possible and I wanted to get it

finished because writing it

was a very painful process. I

wanted to get it over and done

with. Then, in late May, my

daughter developed epilepsy and her health deteriorated so rapidly I was not able to do

tional discharge yesterday.

Anthony Curtis, aged 47, bought the weapon and amincide with the Tory party conference, she said she did not even plan to serialise the book. It was just the way things turned out.
Wiping a tear from each eye, she said: "I was being urged to write it as quickly as

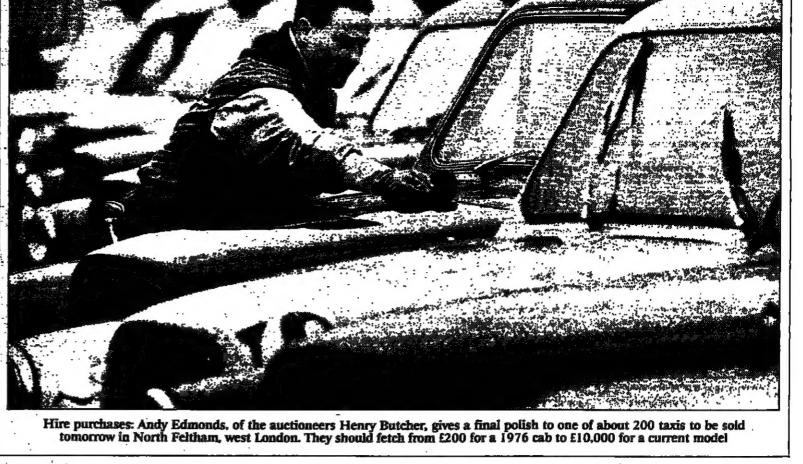
court was told. Judge Coombe, QC, said: "Dealing with dangerous

dilemma. It makes one wonder when the time will come for licensees to have

cuting a search warrant on an unconnected matter found the gun and ammunition hidden in a sock. Mr Curtis, of previous good character. admitted the gun was his, explaining that he bought it for protection. He said he would not have had the nerve to use it and just wanted to frighten extortionists.

Curtis, who now lives in Kent, lost his livelihood. He pleaded guilty to possessing a fire-arm and ammunition last year. His plea of not guilty to a more serious charge of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life was accepted by the

Judge Coombe said: "This is quite an exceptional case. I ble is that law-abiding ciri-



Publican had gun to deter gangsters

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL AND STEWART TENDLER

be done.

A TERRIFIED publican who armed himself with a handgun to frighten protection racketeers won the sympathy of an Old Bailey judge who gave him a 12 months condi-

munition after his pub in the East End of London was attacked by arsonists. Shortly after that incident a

friend and fellow publican was murdered - "chopped to pieces" by gangsters with a machete after he refused to pay protection money, the

criminals like this, he is in a

Britain could end rabies quarantine

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

officials are discussing moves to ease Britain's tough antirabies regulations as part of attempts to dismande fron-Community from the start of next year, it emerged Keith Meldrum, the chief

veterinary officer, said: "We are looking at the possibility of removing the requirement for quarantine for domestic dogs and cats and relying instead on vaccination to provide protection against ra-bies. But discussions are still at an early stage."

Such a change would en-able British nationals to travel abroad with their pets and then return home without having to put their animals into quarantine for six thorities are worried that any weakening of the rules might allow the lethal disease into

have long been pressing for a relaxation of Britain's strict quarantine laws, which also apply to commercial animals and are widely seen abroad as an unfair and unnecessary restriction on trade. Internationally available vaccines, they say, can provide ade-

in animals, as opposed to humans, is that if the animal is exposed to infection before vaccination takes place, it may still succumb," Mr Meldrum said. "So you have to have time constraints to ensure that the animal will not develop the disease after entry into a rabies-free counare effective, but the question quarantine. The evidence I have seen so far suggests that they are effective for dogs but not quite so effective in cars. One option might be to go for a mix of vaccination and quarantine."

Mr Meldrum said that vaccination would have to be coupled with blood tests to ensure that protective antibodies were present, as well as documentary proof that the animal had not been exposed previously to the disease. "We are still studying whether that would give us the same level of protection as quarantine,"

At present, pets entering Britain must be placed in quarantine under the Rabies (Import of Cats, Dogs and other Mammals) Order 1974. Anyone caught smuggling a pet into Britain can be fined up to \$2,000 and the animal may be destroyed. In 1990, 59 dogs and 40 cats were detected being imported

illegally.

There are fears that the Channel tunnel could allow rabies-infected wild animals, such as bats and foxes, into Britain despite elaborate measures, including electrified grids and fences, to prevent this. Since the second world war, rabies has spread widely in continental Europe and has been detected in animals in France within ten miles of the Channel.

The EC's scientific veterinary committee, which includes officials from all member states, is expected to issue a report later this month on rabies control and other animal health issues raised by

Longest trial ends with three guilty

BY CRAIG SETON

THE jury in the longest criminal trial ever heard in England and Wales returned its final verdicts yesterday at the end of a fraud case that began 18 months ago. The legal marathon started

at Nottingham crown court on September 10, 1990, and was held over 252 working days at an estimated cost of £3 million. While it continued, Margaret Thatcher was replaced by John Major, the Gulf War came and went, and the Soviet Union disintegrated.

The trial ended with only 11 jurors after one was excused earlier for personal reasons. Mr Justice Potter yesterday told the remaining six women and five men that they would be excused jury service for the rest of their

Acknowledging that it was officially the longest single trial to have taken place, he told the jury: "I thank you for the quite remarkable care, attention and patience you have shown. You have been the most durable jury that one could have hoped for.

The case arose out of the collapse of the Britannia theme park near Heanor, Derbyshire, in 1985, with debts estimated at £9 million. The prosecution came after an investigation by Derbyshire police costing £1.8 million into allegations of fraudulent trading, obtaining money by deception and other counts of fraud involving a number of companies.

The jury considered its ver-Kellard, aged 57, of Bournemouth, was convicted of 19 fraud charges and acquitted of three. Edward Dwyer, aged 54, also of Bournemouth and Mr Kellard's second in command, was found guilty of six charges. John Wright, aged 56, the park's former chairman, from Norwich, was convicted of five charges and cleared on one. They will be sentenced tomorrow.

Keith Emmett, aged 55, a businessman, from Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, was acquitted last week of three charges and walked

The opening and closing speeches of Timothy Barnes. QC, for the prosecution, lasted a total of 75 hours spread over 17 days. He had told the jury that Kellard was the driving force behind the fraud, which tricked investors into parting with million of The theme park was meant

to be a celebration of the best of British invention and achievement, but had remained open for less than three months and had been built on a mixture of "wishful thinking, gross exaggeration and downright lies".

The jury was told that when the park was placed in receivership by Samuel Montagu, the merchant bankers, which had lent it £3.7 million, the deficiency to 605 unsecured creditors was £4.75 million and the deficiency to secured creditors was £4.6 million.

The prosecution said that Kellard convinced investors that his Bournemouth-based company KLF had available funds. The opening day of the park had been chaotic, with creditors besieging KLF staff.

Playtime 'banned' at autistic centre BY RONALD FAUX

A NURSERY nurse at a Lancaster day centre for autistic children yesterday described her feelings of shock and misery when she worked at the centre for six weeks in 1983. Rosemary Dobson told the

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second day of the enquiry into allegations of abuse at Scotforth House centre that love and security were withheld from the children. A member of staff referred to as Teacher One, who was in charge of the centre, had told Mrs Dobson that autistic children responded to firmness and strictness and had to be motivated. "She told me this was the only way they would achieve and that you had to keep on at them and not give up for a moment," she said. The children were not allowed to play because, according to thinking at the centre, they did not know how

Mrs Dobson described Teacher One's attitude as "sarcastic and humiliating" if a child was being awkward. "I felt miserable that this should be the only way of handling autistic children."

Mrs Dobson recalled an young boy was sick. "Teacher One was there and she went hysterical and screamed at him, 'You filthy, disgusting, horrible boy', and this little boy was shaking with fright, with terror on his face. It was the way she said it and the words she used. I was in tears," Mrs Dobson said. She told the enquiry, which

was ordered by Lancashire county council after three members of staff were convicted of cruelty and assault against children, that she had not seen any force-feeding or children being fed their own vomit, as had been claimed by another nursery nurse vesterday. Mrs Dobson said that she had no criticism of any other member of staff except Teacher One. "I know you have to be firm

with autistic children," Mrs Dobson said. "For academic achievement, you sometimes have to be quite tough on them, but it was the mental cruelty which was used to achieve the aim that I think was misguided."

Kim Blythe, a registered seconded to Scotforth House regime run like a concentrashe said: "At times she actualhave terrified the children."

She said that she had been enquiry continues today.

rebuked Mercedes

built Mercedes sports car.

fallen in love with the £72,000 open-top roadster when it was unveiled at the Earls Court Motorfair last ous private car, a Coventrymade Jaguar XJS.

under it."

decision was another example of the royal family showof the land with taxpayers money coming from British their faces." Jimmy Airlie, ing Union, said the decision was at best insensitive-

Princess for buying

THE Princess of Wales was accused yesterday of lacking patriotism by forsaking the British motor industry and taking delivery of a German-

ing contempt for British workers. "They live off the fat workers, and then they spit in motor industry negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineer-

By Alan Hamilton

The princess is said to have

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Tory MP for Birmingham

Selly Oak, said that it was astonishing that the princess should abandon Jaguar when it was losing £200 million and hundreds of jobs. "I would have thought the princess would have thought it appro priate to support the British motor industry and not, bluntly, to pull the rug from Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, said that the

a thing for some weeks. I was told she was going to be severely mentally handicapped and eventually destined for a life in an institution, so I had to finish this task. Miss Keays said it seemed appropriate that the serialisation and the book should coincide with the 1985 Tory conference. "I

wanted it to be read by as many people as possible, all the people who had read all the lies. Certainly it was vitally important it was going to be read by people with whom I had associated, worked, in the field which was my chosen career - politics - all the people who had known me well, had stood by and done nothing when I was horribly attacked in 1983, people who had tried to destroy my reputation.

"I wanted it read by them above all, and the reporters in the media, people who will-ingly carried their lies to the wider public." Miss Keays continues her evidence today.

In July last year police exe-

As a result of his arrest Mr without a certificate in July

wouldn't dream of sending zens are not allowed to take

GOVERNMENT veterinary is whether they are so effective as to remove the need for tier controls in the European

tional discharge justice would Judge Coombe then took the unusual step of asking the legal aid committee to reconsider the contribution Mr Curtis had already made in

view of the fact that he was Outside the court, Mr Curtis said that he would never be given a licence to become a

the law into their own hands.

He really was put into an impossible position, but I

think if I give him a condi-

publican in London again.

Murder squad detectives are still investigating the killing of his friend. Alan Brooks, licensee of the Clydesdale public house at Loughton, Essex, in July last

More than two dozen East End public houses have been recent victims of protection rackets run by criminal families, according to members of a special police squad investigating middle-ranking gangs and criminals with aspira tions to become powerful in the East End. Breweries are thought to have numed a blind eye to the operations of the gangs, which have resulted in public house licences going to men with criminal

The National Licensed Victuallers' Association said the case highlighted the dangers faced by publicans but said members should tell the police and not break the law. Richard Coyles, vice-chair-man of the Police Federation. said last night: "I am not interfering with the right of the judge to sentence. But it seems strange in this day and age of increasing violence that someone in illegal pos-

months. But animal welfare experts and some local au-Britain. Other EC member states

quate protection. "The problem with rabies

try. "There are modern inactisession of a handgun can the advent of the single vated rabies vaccines which walk away from a court." Hope of wiping out leprosy

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent tries. The organisation be-

A NEW fast-acting cocktail of drugs could help to wipe out leprosy, the World Health Creanisation said vesterday. An experimental combination of two powerful antibiotics is to be launched in international trials this month and could reduce treatment duration from up to four years to four weeks. Hiroshi Nakajima, direc-

tor-general of the organisation, said: "This should make leprosy treat nent far more acceptable 1' the many patients who balk at taking drugs for months or years. It brings the possibility of wiping out the disease much Leprosy is known to affect

more than three million people in more than 90 coun-

lieves that the true total may be twice as high because the disease carries such a stigma that many sufferers are reluctant to seek medical help. The disease is caused by a

bacterium that takes up to 20 years to display symptoms. Despite its fearsome reputation, leprosy is curable, only slightly contagious, and does not always cause deformities. It attacks the skin and nerves and can lead to blindness and the loss of fingers and toes. India, with more than two million known sufferers, has

the highest incidence of the disease, followed by Brazil and Nigeria. Trials of the new combination of drugs will be held in seven countries, in-

4,000 patients. The treatment, given orally, consists of a new antibiotic, ofloxacin, developed over the past five years, and rifampicin, which has been the mainstay of leprosy and tuberculosis treatment for many years. The aim of the trials is to

Pakistan, involving about

prove that the drug can kill any mutant strains of the leprosy bacillus resistant to rifampicin more quickly than other drug combinations. If the treatment is shown to be effective, it could attract patients in remote areas who are deterred by the prospect of compliance with months or years of standard therapy, and could wipe out the disease "sometime in the next cluding Brazil, Kenya and century", WHO officials say.

Isles profit from tourists blown in by bank collapse

By KERRY GILL

THE presbyterian gloom that overshadows the Outer Hebridean psyche, and which has deepened since the islands council lost £24 million invested in the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, lifted yesterday when it was learnt that the financial difficulty has caused a boom in tourism. The welter of publicity over the

council's investment has led to en-

quiries from tourists around the

world eager to know more about

the archipelago, which stretches from the Roman Catholic south to the presbyterian islands of North Uist and Lewis and Harris. Appropriately for an area where a gale is recorded one day in six.

Seat of learning: Alan Ayckbourn at the Martyrs Memorial, Oxford, after

taking the Cameron Mackintosh chair of contemporary theatre yesterday

Catriona Earons, director of tourism, said: "It is an ill wind ... at least we can thank BCCI for something. People suddenly began reading about the Western Isles and thought 'We've heard of that place' and began getting in touch." There has been so much interest that the tourist office has had to order an extra 10,000 holiday brochures.

More than 100,000 tourists visited the isles last year and it is hoped that this figure will be donbled this season, attracting badly needed income. Islanders face having to pay an annual £2.7 million for the next 30 years to service the loan taken out to cover the BCCI

The European Community, from which the islanders have benefited hugely, this year earmarked £1.4 million to help them and their neighbours on Skye to create employment, mainly in tourism. The islands' programme of road, water and drainage improvements. Mrs Earons said that most visitors were interested in fishing,

walking wildlife and the scenery. Although the islands boast some of the most beautiful beaches in Europe, they are usually deserted - probably because the average July temperature on Harris struggles to reach 13C.

Holidays in the Western Isles are not for the sybarite used to the Mediterranean. A recently introduced attraction is working on a EC has also provided money for the croft. Visitors can also cleanse

their souls and help the beleaguered economy by spending up to seven days digging peat, herding sheep and learning Gaelic, the islands' first language.

Donald Macleod, the former fi-

nance director who was sacked by the council in the wake of the BCCI loss, began his appeal yesterday against the dismissal. The council has set up a 15-strong appeals committee. George Macleod, who was sacked as chief executive, will appeal later this month.

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> nurse from Sheffield who was in 1987, said that a member of staff had tried to keep a record of incidents at the centre, "but one person in a tion camp, if you like, can do very little". Of Teacher One. ly frightened me, so she must

prevented from cuddling a five-year-old boy and was shouted at when she tried to take toys from a cupboard for the children. A three-year-old boy was force-fed milk every day and a five-year-old boy who disliked milk had the carton squeezed over him. He was then slapped and told off for being messy, she said. The

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Taxes distort price of cars in British showrooms

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

CAR prices in Britain are boosted by some of the highest taxes in Europe, a survey by The Times has discovered on the eve of the publication of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the pricing policies of

motor manufacturers.

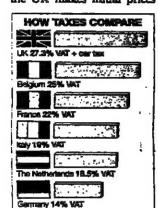
Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, will disclose today the results of the 18-month enquiry into allegations that cars in UK showrooms can be 30 per cent more expensive than the same models abroad. Manufacturers claim that the burden of UK taxes, with the addition of a special car tax and value-added tax at 17.5 per cent, is a distort-

Special car tax, first levied in 1973 as a temporary measure, is a complex calculation paid at 10 per cent on fivesixths of the manufacturer's wholesale price (a sixth is left as a presumed average profit margin for the dealer). The special car tax on a £7,643 Ford Escort 1.4L three-door hatchback adds £636.92. Value-added tax, an extra £1.449, is then levied to make the retail price £9,729. That makes the total tax loading £2,085.92, or 27.3 per cent of the wholesale price.

A check by correspondents for The Times in six European capitals shows that only Britain levies a special tax on cars. In Belgium, VAT is 25 per cent while France is reducing it from 22 to 18.6 per cent this year. Italy's VAT rate is 19 per cent, The Netherlands levies 18.5 and

Germany 14 per cent.

The effect of higher taxes in the UK makes initial prices



THE Larkins celebrated yesterday after four actors playing leading members of the

fictional television family

were named ITV personal-

ities of the year. The Darling

Buds of May, the first show to top the television ratings for

all six episodes of its first series, so impressed the Vari-

ety Club that it named the

four stars jointly for the

David Jason, who plays Pop Larkin, was unable to

attend the ceremony lunch.

which was hosted at the Hil-

ton Hotel, London, by Jona-

than Ross the chat show

presenter, because of filming

commitments on a detective

series. But Pam Ferris, who plays Ma Larkin, said: "It's

amazing, but it is justified

that the four of us won it so

that it's not as embarrassing

as just one having it. I'm very

ture and I am totally

siunned." The award was

thrilled by this charming ges-

award.

higher here but the desperation to sell cars during the recession has led to discounts of up to £5,000, which help to give British buyers the most flexibility in negotiating a deal with their local garage.

We checked on the likely transaction prices, including local taxes, of two cars: a Ford Fiesta 1.1 five door and a Vauxhall Astra 1.4 five door.

The list price of the Fiesta at East One Ford in east London was £9,675 for a model that included a sunroof, six-speaker radio cassette, upgraded tyres and central locking. A discount of more than £1,000 was offered showroom a demonstrator model was offered at £7,972.

A Vauxhail salesman at Mann Egerton, at Radlett, Hertfordshire, gave the price of an Astra Merit at £8,999 over the telephone, and suggested a showroom visit to crunch some numbers".

In The Netherlands, the Fiesta was £7,291. A radio and sunroof would make the price £7,725. No finance deals were on offer. The Astra was £10,157 with a radio costing £124 more and sunroof at £502 with another E400 needed for a catalytic converter, standard in the UK, making a final price of

In Germany, the £6,682 Fiesta was fully equipped. The Astra at £7,273 needed a £243 stereo and sunroof at £522, taking the final price to

In France, the Fiesta was £6,571 with stereo but sunroof was a £222 option. Everything eise, such as central locking, was a cost op-tion. The £7,489 Astra had a basic radio but needed a £322

In Italy, the Fiesta cost £6,527. No extras were included. A sunroof cost £200, while the radio was negotiable. The Astra was £8,525 with stereo, although a sunroof was £277.

£6,100 with a sunroof and tinted windows. A stereo cost £293. A stereo for the £7,537 Astra added £267 and a sunroof £401, taking the final

also shared by Catherine Zeta

Jones, who plays Mariette,

and Philip Franks, her screen

Cilla Black was named

showbusiness personality.

She said of the award: "I used

to think they only gave it to

old people, but then I realised

this is my 29th year in

showbusiness, so I suppose I

Other awards included:

husband Charlie.



On their toes: members of the Ballet du Nord rehearsing at the Sadler's Wells Theatre, central London. Although the French company has visited Britain before, last night marked its debut in the capital, where the 32 members are presenting three 20th century ballets until Saturday. The company, created in 1983, has given more than 500 performances on world tours

Organic farmers seek subsidies for growing less

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

PAYING farmers to grow less food would be a better, cheaper and politically more acceptable way of curbing overproduction than paying them to grow none at all, the government will be told today.

Leaders of the organic farming lobby are to meet John Gummer, the agriculture minister, to seek financial aid for farmers who stop using fertilisers, pesticides and other yield boosting chemicals. Patrick Holden, of British

Organic Farmers, and Richard Young, of the Soil Associ-ation, will propose that farmers meeting government standards for organic agri-culture should have a basic subsidy of £45 an acre. They argue that this would be more cost effective than paying up E90 an European Community's "set aside" scheme for taking land out of production.

Mr Young, who produces beef, pork and cereals on an organic farm in the Cots-

film actor, Kenneth Branagh;

film actress, Julie Walters:

stage actors, Derek Jacobi

and Robert Lindsay for Beck-

er; stage actress, Vanessa

Redgrave; BBC TV person-ality, Clive James; BBC Radio

personality, Steve Wright; In-

dependent Radio personality,

Chris Tarrant; best recording

artist, Seal; special award for

services to entertainment,

Lewis Gilbert.

wolds, said: "It seems unbelievable that Britain almost alone in Europe is providing no central support for organic production, a natural and viable way of producing food which uses no synthetic pesticides, when it is happy to spend £2 billion on removing pesticides from drinking

Mr Gummer will be told today that set aside, which cost taxpayers £22 million in 1991-2, is neither popular nor effective. Its main weakness is that farmers do not have to let all their land lie fallow and can use the grants to increase crop output on the acreage left in production. "We estimate that set aside

is less than 50 per cent effective in terms of reducing outnd that payments ganic farmers equal to half the set-aside rate would be more cost effective and bring environmental and political benefits too," Mr Young said. "The subsidy would also en-able us to lower the high

depend on charging up to 100 per cent more for their produce. That has limited the market for organic food, which accounts for no more than 1 per cent of all food

sales and is mostly imported. Professor Michael Murphy, head of the agricultural economics unit at Cambridge University, who is finalising a report for the government on the viability of organic farming, said yesterday: "If there is an unsatisfied market for organic food that we are now importing, then it makes sense to give some start-up help to farmers who want to convert, but this is not something we should be throwing

"A payment of £45 an acre would be exceedingly gener-ous — more than the profits now being made by most organic farmers. One has to ask why the taxpayer should subsidise a product that forms such a small part of most people's diet."

Waste-cutters accused of staff inefficiency

BY DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Audit Commission was accused yesterday of flouting the standards it sets for others by increasing staff at the ex-pense of efficiency. A report by the Labour-controlled Association of London Authorities claimed that the commission, which is responsible for reducing waste in local government spending, had increased its headquarters staff by 190 per cent since its formation in 1983.

At the same time, a political row broke out over Labour's plans to replace the commis sion with a Quality Commission. Michael Portillo, local government minister, accused David Bhınkett, his Labour opposite number, of attempting to settle "old scores" by reducing the commission's powers. Mr Blunkett rejected as "childish and factually wrong" the sugtion that he was motivated by his experience of being Labour's proposals for a example."

scrutinised by the commission when he was leader of Sheffield council.

The ALA report accuses the commission of overpaying its staff. The commission's salary bill had risen by 110 per cent in real terms, although its staff had increased by only 76 per cent, it says. Local authorities had to "foot the bill" through the £38 million audit fees they paid to the

The commission responded that most of the increase in staff had been due to the extension of its remit last year to take in auditing of the national health service. Of 230 people employed by the health department to regulate spending, the commission had taken on 160, although the job of auditing the health service had added the work of 300 people.

Mr Portillo said that

Quality Commission would reduce auditors' power and independence. "The Labour party clearly does not want to subject its colleagues in local government to such close scrutiny," he said. "Need we ask why when, in the mid-Eighties, Sheffield was one of the authorities the Audit Commission scrutinised? I suppose that David Blunkett found that rather a chastening experience and he is now

about settling old scores." Mr Bhinkett said that in 1985, Sir John Banham, then controller of the commission, had called Sheffield the best-run local

The Labour party later produced an extract from Sir John's speech in which he said: "The best public srevices are superb and cannot be equalled by the private sector, with Sheffield as

Teacher is freed after assaults

A teacher who admitted indecently assaulting five boys aged between eight and 11 walked free yesterday after a judge gave him a suspended prison sentence, a decision later condemned by parents as being too lenient. Michael Thomas, aged 62,

of Alford, Lincolnshire, taught for 40 years before retiring in 1988, Chris Met-calfe, for the prosecution, told Grimsby crown court. Three of the assaults took place at the Lacey Gardens school, Louth, and two others at Seathorne junior school, at Skegness, Lincolnshire.

Thomas, who pleaded guilty to the charges, was jailed for 15 months, suspended for two years. Four similar charges, which he had denied, were left on file.

Shotgun ruling

The Marquess of Blandford. aged 35, was given a condi-tional discharge for possessing a shotgun without a certificate. Magistrates at Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, were told that the gun was found by police searching his home in the grounds of Blenheim palace after a suspected burglary.

Remand death

Simon Straw, aged 20, was found hanged in his cell at the Glen Parva young offenders' centre near Leicester, where he was being held on remand: It is the fifth death at the

A bat no more

The last mouse-eared bat in Britain has been declared dead by bat watchers who have not seen it at its home in a disused tunnel between Chichester and Midhurst, West Sussex, for two years.

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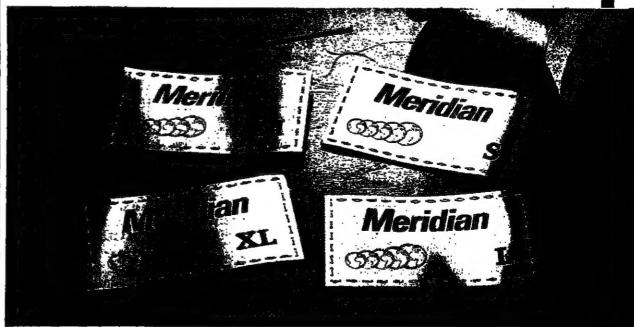
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Train driving myth runs out of steam

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CHILDREN do not want to e train drivers any more. After more than a century of holding pride of place in the career aspirations of the very young, rail managers now face the task of creating a new image for an occupation that has lost its roman-

tic appeal. With more than half of train drivers over the age of 50, British Rail will have lost about 70 per cent of what was once regarded as its elite staff through retire-ment by the end of the decade. Finding replacements in a competitive labour market at a time when everyone appears to hate BR is not going to be easy.

Historically, recruitment presented few difficulties. The image of the noble driver riding the footplate of the Bristol to London express as he brought his steam-driven beast into Paddington sta-tion was enough to ensure that the railways had a constant stream of aspiring

Low pay and a declining image add up to a serious shortage of candidates for the footplate, Michael Dynes writes

Changing patterns of employment in the great railway centres such as Crewe, York and Swindon have deprived BR of its natural pool of labour. It now finds itself looking for staff to take on the responsibility of driving a train, which can carry more than twice the number of passengers as a jumbo jet, for a basic salary of £10,300 in a labour market where a washing machine engineer

can earn £15,000. Rail staff would traditionally serve up to 20 years as firemen before graduating to driving trains. Long apprenticeships helped to create pride in their work. which was in turn reinforced by the high status train drivers held in society. Drivers still take great pride in what they do, but society has withdrawn its esteem, and

BR does not have 20 years to train the next generation

of drivers. The declining image of the train driver has been exacerbated by the series of rail accidents, particularly the Clapham Junction tragedy, which occurred towards the end of the 1980s. While the railways have always been quick to acknowledge error, many drivers complain that society operates double standards. A train driver who causes an accident by passing a red light can be sent to prison, while the 5,000 deaths on the roads each year appear to be tolerated with equanimity.

BR's attempts to attract

high quality staff on low sal-

aries are little short of ab-

surd. Soon, however, that

could change dramatically.

Under the drivers' restruc-

turing initiative, BR is pro-posing to increase the basic salary to £13,300, boosting average earnings, including performance bonuses, flexible working arrangements and increased productivity, to about £19,000.

The restructuring deal currently being negotiated between BR and the rail unions also includes an overhaul of how train drivers are taught. BR wants to replace part-time driver training with full-time training programmes, offer driv-ers clearly defined career structures and allow manag-ers to recruit from outside the industry.

The transition from anti-

quated to modern working practices could take many years to complete, but the attempt to re-establish the prestige once enjoyed by train drivers will be every bit as important to the longterm future of the railways, whoever owns them, as billions of pounds of new

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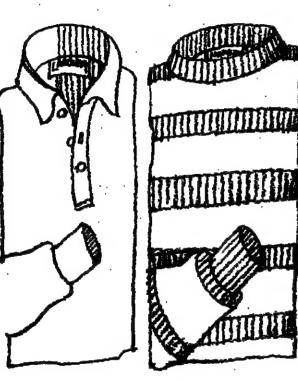
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Heseltine predicts £60 on poll tax under Labour

LABOUR would have to put an extra £60 on every poil tax bill or a penny on income tax to pay for its public spending pledges, Michael Heseltine told the Commons last night. The environment secretary

challenged Labour MPs to say which they would do to fund the extra £2 billion being called for by local authorities. In a debate on local govern-ment finance in which he struck an electioneering note, he accused Labour-controlled local authorities of being less efficient at collecting the poll tax. This is not a problem unique to the community charge as the very selfsame authorities generally had the worst record on rate collections as well. They would be

The environment secretary challenged Opposition MPs to say how they would fund extra public spending.

Peter Mulligan and John Winder write

introduced." Mr Heseltine said that eff-cient local authorities would be able to set a community charge at or near £257 next year. "But inefficient local auyear. But inefficient local au-thorities will charge more and it is interesting to note that 18 of the 20 highest community charges in the country this year have been set by Labour controlled local

Mr Heseltine said councils should press on with action

against poll tax defaulters while the law was changed to remove doubts about the admissability in court of combe no amnesty for defaulters, and those who appealed to a higher court were unlikely to succeed. The government is to introduce amendments to the Local Government Fi-nance Bill, now in the House

of Lords, to remove doubts about computer evidence. ... In the meantime, local authorities could carry on pur-

suing non-payers by agreeing dates for their appearance in court after the bill becomes law, probably next month. Bryan Gould, the shadow

environment secretary, ac-cused the government of using figures based on calcu-lations that were irrelevant and misleading when deciding central government con-tributions to local government. He asked why it was that, in calculating the stan-dard spending assessment, it was assumed that it cost £1,148 in Manchester and £857 in Wigan to deliver the same standard level of

able in the scope it offered to the environment secretary to manipulate it for party ad-

vantage. Mr Heseltine had sanctioned a rate of increase of standard spending assess ments, for next year over this year, of 25 per cent more for Conservanve local authorities than for Labour. He had found a way in an election year to provide advantage to

authorities of the right political colour. "We are ... dealing with a secretary of state who is a ruthless and unprincipled party politician, who could not tell you the time without also warning you that under Labour every hour will be reduced to 58 minutes," Mr Gould said.

"Even for him it is breath-taking check to link to Labour the high levels of local

Tories woo youth with new deal

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THE prime minister will launch a direct appeal for Britain's youth vote this weekend as he outlines a package of measures designed to ap-

peal to young people.

John Major will set out to woo the next generation at the Young Conservatives' conference in Eastbourne by detailing education and training plans for a fourth term of Tory rule. Conservative election planners see the conference, which will be addressed by roughly half the cabinet, as a critical milestone towards securing their favoured game-plan of a April 9 election.

Insiders disclosed yesterdess that the central theres.

day that the central themes will be youth, dynamism and the Conservative vision for another five years in power. Ministers have been ordered to trail important manifesto announcements and to crystallise their ideas for a fourth term. Attention will be drawn to the relative youth of Mr



Trident cost cut by £3bn

The cost of the Trident nuclear submarine programme has been reduced by £3 billion from the 1982 forecast cost, Tom King, the defence secretary, told the Commons at question time.

He said that the programme continued on time towards the date at which it would be put into service, and at an estimated cost of £10,518 Less than half the cost

of the programme had been committed and Labour could save money on it if it did not believe in a nuclear deterrent. "It is high time they told the country where their priorities lie," Mr King

Road users pay £14bn

Road users paid nearly £14 billion in tax and duty in the last financial year, according to figures issued in a written reply by Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary.

In 1991-2 vehicle excise duty amounted to about £2.957 billion and fuel duty to £11 billion. In 1979-80 the equivalent figures were £1.162 billion and £2.667 billion and they have risen steadily every year.

Strike out About 380,000 working industrial disputes in the six months to

November 1991, compared with the six million lost in the six months to December 1978. Eric Forth, an in a written reply.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Com-monwealth Office. Higher and Further Educa tion (Scotland) Bill. remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Debate on changes in former Soviet



Labour lesson: Neil Kinnock explaining his education policies yesterday. He attacked 13 years of "fads and failed experiments". Full story, page !

Hurd spells out priorities for EC

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd said yesterday that the government, if re-elected, would use its presidency of the European Community to speed up the entry

Setting out his priorities for the six-month presidency starting in July, the foreign secretary predicted swift progress by the end of the year in preparing the mandates for entry by members of the European Free Trade Association (Efta), followed by the new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe.

Some of the Efta countries,

tee. Mr Hurd also indicated

public spending plans in the such as Austria. Norway and run-up to the Budget on March 10. Sweden, could join by 1996, and Poland, Hungary and The Conservatives believe Czechoslovakia by 2000. Mr that Labour has erred by Hurd said: "They may not all making "13 wasted years of Tory rule" the bedrock of its want to join. It is not all a bed of roses in the community."

Giving evidence on the election campaigning. They think that such an approach Maastricht treaty to the Comtoo easily resurrects some of mons foreign affairs commit-

with a larger, more diverse membership, might stifle the growth of EC bureaucracy. "I personally find it difficult to magine a community of 18 having a centralised structure going far beyond what we have now. It would become heavy unmanageable. After their visit to EC insti-

that the agreement, together

tutions last week, many of the MPs complained at the commission's increased interference in the affairs of member states. David Howell, the chairman, hoped that the Maastricht deal would thwart the sensation of a 'constant drift to the centre". Michael Jay, a Foreign Of-

fice assistant under secretary. said he believed some senior EC commissioners were already arguing against some proposals on the grounds that they covered issues best dealt with nationally.

Housing reforms planned

MORTGAGE relief would be phased out and replaced by a new housing cost relief system for those on low incomes under a Liberal Democrat government (Jill Sherman

Those on lower incomes would qualify for more relief the less they earned, whether they were buying or renting, but the party would abolish any housing relief for those earning over £27,000. Under the scheme, which would be phased in over 25 years. people with existing mortgages would be able to choose between housing cost relief or mortgage interest tax relief.

Other proposals outlined in the Liberal Democrat manifesto include a rescue scheme to convert mortgages into rent for those in danger of losing their home. A law would be introduced to allow homes which have been left empty for more than a year to

'Parachute' candidate crash-lands

BY JULL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BBC Radio 1 appearance in which he will beef up the

staple rock music diet with his

promises of a better deal for tion and training, new moves

to tackle crime and the Tory vision for Europe will be

among the main areas where

ministers will seek to demon-

strate that they are bubbling

over with ideas.
The Eastbourne conference

will nave the way for an offen-

sive on education and train-

ing next week to be spear-

headed by Kenneth Clarke

and Michael Howard. The

education secretary, who has won right-wing plaudits for

his assault on the educational

establishment, will be pre-

sented as the man who has

turned the educational tide

The Conservatives will then

seek to switch the pre-election.

political agenda on to trade

union reform, with occasion-

al forays into areas such as

health and local government,

before returning to Labour's

the successes of the 1980s.

for the Tories.

THE Liberal Democrats have hit a legal obstacle in their last-minute efforts to find 40 more candidates for the general election. One prospective parliamenta-ry candidate is threatening a judicial review because he was deselected after failing to follow the rules governing "parachute" candidates.

The party, which is contesting 634 seats, has drawn up a shortlist of about

50 people who can be called on at short notice to fill vacancies. Its election planners anticipate having to "para-chute" in candidates in about 12 seats where the normal selection procedure has come unstuck.

has come unstuck.

In a dispute highlighting the Liberal Democrats' difficulties in fielding a full election team, Aubrey Ross was chosen for Leeds South and Morley in December to fight Labour's replacement for Merlyn Rees, the former home secretary, who had a 6,711 majority in 1987. Mr Ross, who had earlier been put on the "parachute" list of centrally approved candidates, ran into difficulties with his local party. Last week his local



Wilson: sending in the troops party chairman wrote to him saying that had been deselected because under the party's rules as a "parachute candidate" he was not supposed to campaign

before an election was called Mr Ross has now written to Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrats' leader, asking to be reinstated and claiming the party was in a state of confusion. "I am now considering asking for a judi-cial review on my deselection." Mr Ross (I Des Wilson, the party's campaign di-

rector, admitted that with only weeks remaining before a possible election, 40 seats still had no candidate in place. In most constituencies the selection process was well under way. However, 12 seats were likely to go to candidates nominated centrally and hustled into place for polling day. The parachute candidates, who will not be placed until a general election is called, could have

only three weeks to campaign.

Jennifer Pearce, chairman of the English candidates committee, said most had opted to go on the last-minute list because family or business commit-ments made it difficult for them to spend more time campaigning. In a handful of cases people with little or no experience of electioneering had been put on the parachute list and told not to campaign before the election.

Mr Ross, who stood for the Conservatives in Openshaw, Manchester, in 1974, said he had ample experience to campaign and accused his local party of

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Threat to UN relief

Sudan rebels plunder food aid supplies

FROM SAM KILEY IN NASIR, SOUTHERN SUDAN

REBELS from he Sudanese People's Liberaton Army are stealing thousards of tons of United Nationsfood sent to feed refugees in the south of

The UN and ther officials say that the arm (SPLA) and the Sudan Relie and Reha-bilitation Association bilitation /ssociation (SRRA), its civilin wing, are feeding the entingarrison of Nasir, the heaquarters of Commander Rik Machar, with food stoler from refugees. Commaner Riak fell out with Dr John farang, the head of the libertion army, last year and aid fficials say that the Nasir facion of the rebel movement i the worst offender for theis of food

supplies.

We only beg war food we can from our famies, everything else we get from our own farms or w buy it." Commander Riak aid when he was asked about the allegations of theft.

But in Nasir, a ush town on the banks of the Salongo which has to endur-seasonal flooding, there are ro signs of intensive agricultur and the liberation army guerillas can be seen eating high-energy porridge which has seen sent for child refugees.

Until the Red Cros insisted that it must run the -Minor camp, home to abut 500 orphans and childen who have lost contact with their parents, without theinterference of the army's civilian wing, the camp childen were on the verge of stavation. although the UN and the Red Cross were providing satura-

"Riak insisted that the minors' camp be set up rpposite his garrison, obviously so that he could help himselfto their food stocks," said in aid worker who refused to be named. Two aid workes who crucised the commander



Garang: faction split with Commander Riak

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were expelled last year.

So much of the food sent to southern Sudan is being stolen that aid officials are saying that Operation Lifeline Sudan and other projects should be ended. There are about a million refugees, returnees and displaced people there, who will need 70,000 tons of food this year because of the ten-year war between the Christian and animist south and the Islamic funda-

mentalist government in "Food is just fuelling the war and if we stopped sending it perhaps everyone would go back to farming," one long-serving aid worker said. Commander Riak's men may have the most voracious appetite for stolen food supplies but field workers said that Dr

Garang's "Torit faction" is

little better.

Some workers who visited the site of the first battle between the two factions in Bor, on the banks of the Nile, said that they found documentary proof that the Torrit faction of the SRRA was supplying soldiers with goods in-tended for civilians. "We found a radio message asking the SRRA for 20 per cent of their medical supplies [from the UN, Red Cross and other agencies] to supply 6,000 new recruits," one official said.

Others reported that large amounts of food and other supplies have been pilfered near Dr Garang's Torit headquarters, close to Juba, the government-held regional capital. Although the libera-tion army's theft of food frustrates many officials, especially the monitors who conduct spot-checks, others insist that supplies do reach those in real need.

"We should not exaggerate the level of theft, the SRRA and SPLA treat it as a sort of local taxation," one UN offi-

"The truth is that some goes missing, we are feeding many families whose menfolk are soldiers and it is not possible to say that Dad can't eat at home. Also the real point is that this is a war situation and although we do our best to stop leakage, some does get

It was clear in Nasir that although the civilian wing of the army was having to syphon some goods to the soldiers, many of its senior figures have fought hard to prevent the military taking

Arabs poke fun at their failings

An Egyptian theatre is playing to packed houses with a biting lampoon of Arab political life, Christopher Walker writes from Cairo

Arab political attirudes and habits is acking a Cairo theatre rightly, winning awards and breaking new ground n a part of the world where ensorship has ruled out inything approaching

Vestern satire. Lenin el-Ramly's In Plain irabic portrays Arabs as a lictatorial, hypocritical and backward people who annot compete with the Vest because they waste heir time chanting slogans ind failing to deal with nodern realities.

The decision to allow it is reflection of the change in ttitudes in Egypt and cerain other Arab nations since the Gulf war and comes after President Muparak permitted live broadcasting of the American Cable News Network for he first time.

The young cast, all amaeurs chosen from 2,000 applicants, mimic many trab leaders, including ting Husain of Jordan and lolonel Gadaffi of Libya. A Vestern critique of Arab ociety draws applause rom the audience packing he New Opera Theatre.

You Arabs are dictators. gnorant, stupid." argues he actor portraying an Egyptian journalist. He volunicers to argue the Western point of view in a televised debate held to decide whether a Palestinian lured into a kidnap by a temptress representing Is-

rael is a terrorist.

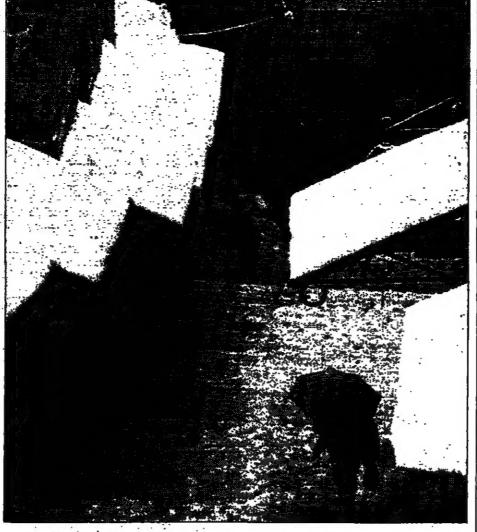
The often hilarious play, which el-Ramly, aged 40, segan in 1970 but shelved recause of censorship, tells the story of 14 students, each a stereotype of a different Arab country, who pretend to be devout Muslims but sneak off to a fancy dress party in a discothèque.

The character represent-ing Palestine is beaten up by British bullies and staggers on stage dripping blood. Sensitive to what is portrayed as the Western view of Arabs as idle and riddled with double standards, he tells his friends the insult that hurt most. "I wish they only insulted me,

you," he pants breathlessly.
"They called me an Arab." After the kidnap, the students hold a grand conference which symbolises the worthy gatherings of the 21-member Arab League. Everyone shouts at once, all want to be chairman, and nothing is decided but the flowery text of a resolution proclaiming unity.

■ he play pillories Arab attitudes in a way that amazes and delights its audiences. The Iraqi is a swaggering thug who is always threatening violence, the Syrian is constantly looking over his shoulder for the secret police, and the Gulf Arabs spend more time on the dance floor than on their

prayer mats. The Lebanese is always looking to make money, the Jordanian agrees with everyone, however contradictory their opinions, the Sudanese is hungry and usually drunk, and the Algerian objects to everything on principle.



Snow cover: Jerusalem residents walk towards Damascus Gate in the Old City as a rare winter storm blanketed the city yesterday for the second time this year

Hawke takes to talk shows

Bob Hawke, the former Australian prime minister, is planning to interview past and present world leaders such as President Bush, John Major and Mikhail Gorbachev, the International Management Group, which is handling his new career, says. Australian Labor Party sources say that Mr Hawke, ousted as prime minister in

end of this month.

December after eight years, is

planning to announce his res-

ignation from politics at the

The leader of China's Communist party. Jiang Zemin, feels that the country should speed up economic reforms but remain socialist. "No matter what changes have taken place in the international situation, we must concentrate our energy on doing our work at home well," he said. A nationwide austerity programme, which began three years ago, has slowed down restructuring.

Thomas Pickering, aged 60. the American ambassador to the United Nations, will soon be appointed ambassador to India, officials in Washington say, replacing William Clark. They also said that Edward Perkins, a top State Department aide, will replace Mr Pickering at the UN.

Mother Teresa, below, has arrived in Rome, apparently well on the road to recovery after her bout of bacterial pneumonia last December. The missionary, aged 81, had

hospital in California as a result of the infection. She is expected to meet the Pope while in Rome.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, has been awarded Poland's highest honour, setting the seal on new relations between two historic enemies. He was

der of the Polish Order of Merit with a Star by Krzysztof Skubiszewski, the foreign minister. The award, he said, was "an expression of the feeling of many Poles that the new neighbourly relations between Poland and Germany will bring advantages". Friendship and border treaties between the two countries came into effect last month.

Imelda Marcos, the former first lady of the Philippines. has challenged President Aquino to an election battle for the presidency. The president does not intend to stand for a second term in office. Juan Ponce Enrile, an opposition leader, has said that the election, on May 11, could be a last chance for democracy, or the country would "fall into anarchy".

Louis Beauchemin, one of the Catholic Church's longest serving South Pacific priests has died in Apia, West Samoa, aged 89. Known to Samoans as Patele Tovio, he made headlines for his controversial "blessings" and condemnation of alcohol in

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Grim blood-letting robs Georgia of riches and romantic charm



Gamsakhurdia: unique

TO TRAVEL round Georgia, so long an island of material abundance in a sea of Soviet austerity, is to be haunted by images of collapse.

The Ruritanian romance of central Tbilisi is now smouldering rubble; a blackened shell is all that remains of one inns, whose neo-classical decor and wood-panelled apartments enticed travellers on

On the northwest coast, once synonymous with palm trees, wine and August frolies, there is a terrifying absence of any legitimate au-thority, symbolised by stray cante nibbling in the gardens of government buildings. Poti, a Black Sea port that thrived on fish, dollars, casinos and orange groves, is now

Georgians had the best of everything in the former Soviet Union. But now Stalin's homeland is as sinister a place as anything dreamt by Hitchcock, Bruce Clark writes

as sinister a place as anything Hitchcock invented. As darkness descends on a city without electricity or heating, the sound of random gunfire, vali were a kind of Caucasian muffled by falling sleet, seems Shangri-La; a town of 40,000 the only indicator of life. people boasted a magnificent In the mountain town of

Tskhinvali, where the fierce Ossete race is fighting to se-Ossete race is fighting to se-cede from Georgia, visitors are given ghoulish tours of sandbagged firing positions, a dark, chilly hospital, and the school playground where 60 victims of the fighting, the youngest two years old, lie

Russia proper. in contrast to the rootless buried in crude, snowcovered graves. Only two years ago the lush pastures and orchards around Tskhin-

theatre where troupes of Georgians and Ossetes took turns to perform. Is the blood-letting in Stalin's home republic really a harbinger of things to come in Russia, or merely a reminder of how different Georgia always was from the

rest of the Soviet empire?

Georgia's explosive mix are common to most of the Caucasus but missing from

loneliness of life in most of Russia's decaying cities. Soviet power in Georgia has left intact an intricate social fabric of families, clans and communities to which individuals are fiercely loyal. Through a trading network stretching from Vladivostok to St Petersburg, the Geor-gians, more than any other Caucasian race, have accumulated private wealth on a scale quite unimaginable for most Russians.

That wealth fuels the black market in arms-producing towns such as Tula, where Kalashnikovs sell for little be gripped by a desire to avenge the death of a brother or fellow-villager, and also more likely to possess the necessary weapon.

Another respect in which Georgia stands out is that there is nobody in the former Soviet world quite like Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the fugitive leader who, according to Georgia's new regime this week, is seriously ill. From Latvia to Turkmenia,

old republican leaders is belped by the fact that all are products of the same school as Russia's President Yeltsin - the former Soviet Communist party. Mr Gamsakhurdia was an outsider with a unique capacity to alienate

Several key ingredients in over£100. Thus a Georgian is almost everyone he dealt Georgia's explosive mix are more likely than a Russian to with, including Mr Yeltsin with, including Mr Yeltsin

Georgia will always be a place apart. Yet, precisely because of its key role in the informal Soviet economy, its turmoil will undoubtedly be felt in Russia. Moscow's police files already tell of increasingly frequent shootouts between people described as "Caucasian males".

In the chilly desolation of Poti harbour, a man, aged 22, mused wistfully on the days when travel between his communication between the native Georgia and Russia was unimpeded. A couple of years ago, this likely village lad was making a fortune as an ice-cream salesman in a grimy Siberian city and coping, by his own account, with

women. "Rusian men over 30 cannot dot. They drink too much an they get no vitamins," he hispered conspiratorially, expressing a well-known Gorgian prejudice. In Krasnyarsk, at least. Georgia's isoltion from Russia will appaently be sorely regretted.

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• Karabakh tull: Armenian leaders in the disputed enclave of Naprno-Karabakh yesterday repried a "sinister calm". but faid they were braced for abther big attack by Azerbaijai forces. Artur Mkrichyan, president of the regional parament, said the Azerbaijanis were massing troops and amoured vehicles near Agdal, and a fresh assault on the Armenian stronghold of Askeran was expected an moment.

Gorbachev blamed for KGB watch on poets and priests

ROCK singers, chess players, cians of left and right were among the prominent Soviet citizens who came under intense surveillance by the Soviet KGB in the year leading up to the August putsch, the Russian parliament was

At an open hearing on the security forces' role in the abortive coup, the KGB was also accused of providing Mikhail Gorbachev with a stream of slanted information designed to encourage him to introduce a state of emergency. Some speakers blamed the former president for condoning, or even encouraging, the maipractices of the defunct spy network.

According to Sergei Stepashin, head of a parliamentary investigation into the coup, the KGB placed telephone raps not only on Boris Yeltsin and his political allies but also on at least two

Armenia pilots brave blockade

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN YEREVAN

A WOMAN and her crippled child, dragged up the helicop-ter gangplank by his armpits, were the last to secure their passage to Nagorno-Karabakh. After them came cargo, ammunition crates and the body of a boy, aged 14, whose coffin had been draped in the red doth beloved by Soviet

propagandists.
The few Soviet-made Mi8 helicopters which fly from Yerevan are, since Azerbaijan's blockade imposed in 1989, the only way in and out of Nagorno-Karabakh for Armenians. The pilots, all Armenian, maintain an aerial lifeline for supplies ranging from medicines to school books and arms. They also bring contact with the outside

For my three companions and I, the flight to Nagorno-Karabakh took five hours to organise through friends in Yerevan. We did not ask for guarantees for our safety or even when we would be able to fly out again. Humans and helicopters are both targets in this Caucasian war.

The flight, over Armenia's Lake Sevan and the barren scrubland of western Azerbaijan, lasted barely an hour. As we entered the air space over Nagorno-Karabakh, the undulating and desolate land changed to heavily forested hills. Zori Aramyan, aged 35, the guard beside me, peered out of the helicopter, resting the barrel of his 1953 hunting rifle on the metal rim of the porthole. Over his shoulder he carried a machinegun. "I go where the fighting is,"

We landed in an open field between two wooded knolls overlooking a ridge above Aterk, a small town in northern Nagorno-Karabakh. Three pick-up trucks, packed with people, appeared from behind the knolls and encircled the helicopter.

Fifty people had soon surrounded the craft to collect supplies, convey news or just to hear it. As the helicopter ascended, someone ran to the boy's coffin, left within 50ft of the craft, and sat on it, grasping the rim tightly to stop the lid blowing off. We had arri-

of the hardliners now in jail for mounting the putsch: president, and Anatoli Lukyanov, the parliamentary chairman. The KGB's preparations for the coup had be-gun in autumn 1990 or earlier, Mr Stepashin said, adding that the Baltic repression of January last year and the deployment of 50,000 troops during a Moscow street rally last March had been part of the build-up.

While confirming that the KGB's "Alpha" anti-terrorist force had been groomed to storm the Russian parliament and arrest Mr Yeitsin, the deputy departed from the ro-mantic version of events which holds that the squad defied orders to that effect. The final command to move in on the White House was never given, he said.

Boris Pugachev, an investigator employed by the parliamentary panel, said that in the year leading up to the putsch attempt, the KGB had tried to gather compromising information on a bewildering array of prominent figures in cultural and intellectual life. The targets had included Alla Pugacheva — Russia's most popular woman singer — Garry Kasparov, the world chess champion, Mikhail Zhvanetsky, the satirical writ-er, Silva Kaputikian, the Armenian poet, and Yuri Afanasyev, the radical

historian. The KGB had also infiltrated political movements ranging from the liberal grouping, Democratic Russia, to the hardline United Workers Front, according to the investigator, who gripped parliament's attention as he recled off his allegations.

Nobody demurred as he declared that "Mikhail Gorbachev must bear full responsibility" for the KGB's political intelligence-gathering, because the former president appeared to have been the willing recipient of the result-ing information, right up to last August

Father Gleb Yakunin, the former dissident, said the KGB's notorious religious affairs department had deeply infiltrated not only his own Russian Orthodox Church but also the Roman Catholic, Buddhist and Muslim clergy of the former Soviet Union. Among the churchmen most frequently mentioned in KGB files as a target for surveillance had been Father Aleksandr Men, a respected Orthodox Christian philosopher of Jewish origin who was murdered mysteriously in September 1990.

Father Yakımin said the KGB used to offer detailed instructions to the Russian Orthodox hierarchy for the promotion abroad of Soviet positions on nuclear disarmament. The intelligence agen-cy had also kept a close watch on the celebrations in 1988 of the millennium of Russia's conversion to Christianity.

Part of the KGB's role has been taken over by a newly created Russian security ministry which will have 137,000 employees. Its stated respon-sibilities include protecting human rights as well as the security of society and the state. It is also supposed to engage in civilian and military counter-intelligence and to combat smuggling, cor-ruption, terrorism and drug trafficking.
Pointedly excluded from

the new agency's make-up is anything like the notorious Fifth Department of the KGB, which monitored dissidents and religion.

• Moscow: Russia will begin withdrawing troops from Lithuania this month and Latvia next month, but the government crisis in Tallinn will delay their departure from Estonia, a top Russian

official said yesterday. Sergei Shakhrai, head of the Russian delegation nego-tiating the withdrawal, added that all troops of the former Soviet Union in the Baltic states are under the jurisdiction and protection of the Russian government. (AP)



Marching in Mussolini's steps

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

A GRANDDAUGHTER of Mussolini announced yesterday that she will stand as a neo-fascist candidate in Italy's parliamentary elections to be held on April 5. Alessandra Mussolini, aged 28, told the Milan newspaper, Corriere della Sera, that she would stand for the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement in a Naples constituency. Signora Mussolini is the daughter of Romano Mussolini, the ac-complished jazz pianist, and is also the niece of the film star, Sophia Loren. The newspaper quoted

her as saying that she was standing for the neo-fascists because "it is the party that is closest to the ideas of my grandfather". She said: "I feel very close to him. It is a family tie of which I have always been very proud."

She added: "If I am elected. I will follow the example of my grandfather." She also said that until recently

the word "fascist" was con-sidered shameful. "Fortu-nately that period has passed. In fact, there is now a reassessment of how much grandpa Benion did for Italy."

Signora Mussolini had earlier tried her hand at act-

ing, but despite the help of her aunt it proved unsuccessful. The granddaughter of Mussolini, dictator of Italy from 1922 to 1943, is currently a medical student and her campaign will focus on health issues.

Plan for Habash affair trips up Cresson

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

WITH the strains of the George Habash affair now threatening what remains of the French Socialist party's unity and morale, Edith Cresson, the prime minister, yes-terday called off a planned visit to the Winter Olympics centre in Savoy at the last moment, after holding talks

with President Mitterrand.

After 40 minutes of talks in the Elyste palace, Mme Cresson refused to make a statement to journalists, while her staff said that bad flying conditions were responsible for the cancellation. However, the simultaneous announce-ment that M Mitterrand would make a television address in the early evening revived speculation that her days might be numbered. Although most observers here doubt that M Mitterrand would risk a government reshuffle before next month's regional elections, the opposition and media are still out

for cabinet blood. There was more savage criticism yesterday of Roland Dumas, the foreign minister, and Philippe Marchand, the interior minister, both of whom have ruled out resigning over the mishandling of the Palestinian guerrilla leader's stay in a Parisian hospital. M Dumas also attacked Michel Rocard, the former prime minister and the man widely considered to be the most likely Socialist successor to M Mitterrand, for his barbed comments about the Habash affair.

M Dumas, who is normally the most equable of men, took exception to M Rocard's claim that "there is a highlevel political responsibility behind this mistake". Seizing on the former prime minister's passion for yachting, M Dumas denounced him as a mere "fair-weather sailor" who lacked the stature of a true statesman. The foreign minister said M Rocard was misinformed about Dr Habash's visit.
It is no secret that M Du-

mas answers to the president alone, and his high-handed behaviour since Dr Habash's visit has reinforced critics' view that M Mitterrand and his magic circle act as if they are, in the words of Liberation, the daily newspaper, the untouchables. Yet at no time since M Mitterrand was re-elected four years ago has the government been held in such widepsread contempt by

the general public.
With President Yeltsin of Russia arriving in Paris today for a state visit, the president is anxious to avoid further political embarrassment. However, if the Socialists suffer their expected heavy defeat in the regional elections Mme Cresson's short and troubled term of office may be

one EC floated Brussels The European

Communty should follow Americas example and group all is branches in one city to end the struggle be-tween Brissels, Luxembourg and Strasourg, according to the presignt of the European Parliamet.

Egon klepsch, who took over the presidency of the 518-sea assembly last month, aid yesterday. "The simplest thing would be to create a sort of European Washington DC, which would cincentrate all the institution." He hoped to meet Belgian French and Luxembourg officials to complete a permarent arrangement.

But Belgium must first

form anew government he said, beter able to represent it than he careraker adminis-tration hat has been managing da-to-day affairs since an inonclusive election in November.

The European parliament holds is plenary sessions in the French city of Strasbourg. but its committees meet in Brusses and many of its cvil servates work in Luxenbourg Paris has been blocking decisions on new EC agences pending a firm connity purmers that Strasbourg will be confirmed as the sple size for plenary parliament sessions. (Reuter)

Hope given up Gormee, Turkey: Resue teams digging in frozen srew for survivors of avalances that buried villages in souheast Turkey and killed mee than 170 people have given up hope of finding any mee survivors. (Reuter)

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Finns join in Helsiaki: Finland is read to apply for full membership of the European Community before the middle of ext month, and hopes to be ale

to start membership neggia-

tions at the same time as Sweden and Austria, which have already applied. Carrier auction London: China and Indiane interested in buying a forger Soviet aircraft carrier, he 67,000-ton Varyag, Jale's Defence Weekly says, the Varyag is being fitted ou at the Nikolayev South shipperd

Rome accused

in Ukraine. (AP)

Athens: The Greek Ortholox Church wants the government to break off diplomtic relations with the Vatian because it says the Royan Catholic Church is moving into Eastern European and into Eastern Europe's tridi-tionally Orthodox states. AP)

Pupils strike Sofia: Thousands of Bulgri-

an schoolchildren have by-cotted classes in a dispite between nationalists and he large ethnic Turkish minoity in Krdzhali, south of hire, over reintroduction of texhing in Turkish. (Reuter)

Dog survives:

Cahors: Sultan, a ten-yar-old beagle which disappeared while hunting foxes, has been found alive after 76 tays down a 50ft hole. A reginal French newspaper said the dog might have survived by eating rats. (AP)

Divine help

Osio: An armed man vho tried to hold up an Oslo bank was stopped by Hans frat-terud, a television evanglist, who shouted for Jesus's lelp. When the robber turnel, a customer hit him on the lead with an ashtray. (AP)

Flood of refugees washes over Germany

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

ANOTHER 31,000 refugees seeking asylum arrived in Germany last month and there is every indication that increasing numbers will flood into the country as the government struggles to find a way of stopping them.

The January figure is 30 per cent up on December's. If the trend continues unchecked, the authorities fear that as many as another 400,000 refugees could try to further. The official added

Designer guest: Rudolf Nureyev, left, with Yves

Saint Laurent at the Opéra Bastille celebration

settle in the country by the

end of the year. The refugees are in addition to the ethnic Germans, mostly from the former Soviet Union and Poland, who have automatic right to German citizenship and are also arriv-ing at up to 20,000 a month. According to Horst Waffenschmidt, the interior ministry state secretary in charge of help for ethnic Germans, 650,000 of them are considering emigrating if conditions in the East deteriorate

that 150,000 had been granted precautionary visas.

West Germany has in the past six years had to absorb almost three million emigrants, and nearly 2,000 more arrive every day. The pressure on housing is acute, with local authorities having to take over entire hotels, schools, and church halls to provide accommodation. Munich has resorted to using containers parked on the Oktoberfest grounds. The coalition government

remains bitterly divided on

YVES Saint Laurent cele-

brated the 30th anniversary of his fashion house at the

Opéra Bastille in Paris with a

soirée that perfectly encap-

sulated his twin passions:

cini, and then wave upon

wave of models rose from the

distant horizon of the opera

house on Monday night to

slink down the stage in a living retrospective of the conturier's most celebrated

designs for evening columns of draped satin and bronze

lamė, black tuxedo suits, Pi-

casso-inspired embroidered

evening jackets and capes winged on the shoulders with

Braque-style doves. A film

Katia Ricciarelli sang Puc-

theatre and fashion.

how to deal with the problem. The opposition Social Democrats are in their turn delaying an all-party compromi that was meant to speed vet-

ting of the asylum claims.

The coalition dispute is between the Christian Democrats, who want to restrict asylum to residents of nondemocratic countries where political persecution is commonplace, and the Free Dem-Germany must remain a land of asylum for all, a view shared by the Social Demo-

both groups, the Christian Democrats cannot obtain the two-thirds' majority needed for a constitutional change. On February 20 the Chris-

Bundestag to agree proposals aimed at cutting vetting pro-cedures for all refugees to six weeks. At present only about 5 per cent are eventually granted asylum status, but many of the rest manage to stay almost indefinitely because it takes so long to review individual cases.

Saint Laurent celebrates 30 years of fashion-setting FROM LIZ SMITH, FASHION EDITOR, EXPARIS

> was shown that had been taken backstage at Saint Laurent's first show in 1962. Interviews with the designer, then aged 20, were also screened. He was seen mocking as trop bourgeoise the leather skirts and the neat tailoring that he would go on

to create in later years.
The actress Catherine Deneuve, a co-hostess of the celebrations, shimmered onstage at the end in a Saint Laurent sea-green and blue sequinned evening suit to hold his hand as he accepted the andience's standing ova-tion. Looking remarkably fit and steady for a man who is known to suffer from recurring bouts of "overwhelming

nervous exhaustion", the designer said that his was a fashion house built on love. "I want to go on creating clothes that express a joie de vivre and love of women," he

added.
Rudolph Nureyev, Zizi
Jeanmaire and Marthieu
Saint Laurent, the designer's mother, joined the top table at the celebratory supper held in the opera house afterwards. It was such an emotional performance," Paloma Picasso, daughter of the painter and one of Saint Lau-rent's former muses, said after the show.

Pierre Berge, Saint Laurent's business partner since 1962, who has skilfully strue- and peasant flounces.

of M Berge's new theatre complex, his "opera house for the people", in the Place de la Bastille proved to be a suitable backdrop for the crewardrobe as frouser suits, brass-buttoned naval pea coats, satin-lapelled "tuxedos" for women, safari shirts and clashes of prints

ations of Saint Laurent. The designer indeed "dresses the people", having established such staples of the modern

tured the designer's ideas into the £2.3 billion international fashion empire for which they today provide the mainstay, was appointed head of the Paris Opéra in 1988. The harsh modernity

Venezuela commander orders surrender by rebel troops to halt further bloodshed

Loyal forces defeat coup attempt to overthrow Pérez

FROM TONY BIANCHI IN CARACAS

PRESIDENT Carlos Andrès Pérez and forces loyal to his government regained control of Venezuela yesterday after a surprise military uprising early yesterday which includ-ed an attempt to assassinate

Army commander Hugo Chavez, head of the paratroop battalion that launched the attack on the president in Caracas, surrendered. Admitting that the coup attempt

had failed, Chavez called upon all other rebel forces throughout the country to lay down their arms in order to avoid further bloodshed and

"Our mission has failed. It is useless at this point to continue fighting ... we should wait for better times to carry out the changes we have been fighting for," the officer

According to senior mili-

Bush condemns Caracas mutiny

FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

THE United States, Western Europe and Latin America yesterday condemned the attempted military coup in Venezuela, an oil-rich country regarded as one of the most stable in South America.

President Bush said he telephoned President Carlos Andrés Pèrez, who narrowly escaped death, and that the Venezuelan president had indicated "things were under control. He also spoke to President Gaviria of neighbouring Colombia.

"I assured them, both of them, that the United States supports democracy in Venezuela and elsewhere in this hemisphere and that this military coup attempt against President Carlos Andres Pérez is firmly condemned by the United States," he said. Mr Bush did not respond directly when asked whether he planned to take any action to help Senor Perez. "They seem to think it's under con-

trol. I hope that's the case." In Washington, the Organisation of American States said that, at the request of Colombia and Venezuela, it was holding an urgent meetin the afternoon of the permanent council of the 34-member regional group to discuss the situation in Venezuela. Sixteen Latin American presidents issued a joint state-

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

IN WASHINGTON

AND JOANNA PITMAN

IN TOKYO

A FEW unguarded words

from Kiichi Miyazawa, the

Japanese prime minister, on

Monday has whipped anti-Japanese hysteria in America

Mr Miyazawa's assertion

that Americans had lost the

work ethic and the drive "to

live by the sweat of their

brow" touched the rawest of

nerves in the economically

distressed country. His com-

ments were strongly criticised

by the White House Congres-

sional leaders and state gov-

ernors of both political

parties, and made front-page

news yesterday in every im-

portant newspaper in the

Mr Miyazawa and the Jap-

anese foreign ministry raced

to defuse a new transpacific

dispute with apologies and

explanations, but the damage

was done. In any case, within

a few hours of the prime

minister's apology another

Liberal Democrat politician

made sure he threw more fat

Shintaro Ishihara, one of

Japan's most fervently na-

tionalist MPs, told an audi-

ence of supporters in the

western city of Nara that

"American workers are total-

ly useless. But America's poli-

and directors of American

companies pay themselves

bonuses even when their com-

panies are in the red and cut

tens of thousands of people

from the workforce." That, he

Mr Ishihara chose to illus-

trate his point by explaining that the Japan Airlines crash

in August 1985, in which

520 passengers were killed.

and irresponsible workman-

ship by American workers at

said, was ridiculous.

country.

on the fire.

to dangerous new levels.

ment condemning the attempted military coup and called for a return to constitutional order in the country, which has had uninterrupted democratic rule since 1958.

The Latin American response was co-ordinated since early morning by Señor Gaviria, who said he was in telephone contact with Senor Pérez, a statement by the Co-



kombian presidential press of fice said. The communique was agreed by the leaders of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, ma, Peru and Uruguay.

In a telegram to Señor Pérez's foreign ministry, the European Commission expressed "its firmest pressed condemnation of these attempts to undermine the democratic order".

tary officers; the rebel movement began after an announcement by President Pérez in which the government offered concessions to Colombia in the bitter border dispute that Venezuela has with the neighbouring coun-

The coup attempt began shortly after midnight when a group of middle-ranking officers moved with armoured vehicles and paratroops on the presidential residence and the presidential palace in Caracas and against govern-ment buildings in the cities of Maracay, Valencia and

Members of the armed forces — by far the greatest number of whom stood by President Pérez — apparently discovered the coup attempt before it began. They protected him and launched a fierce counter-attack.

Within three hours the loyal forces, headed by General Fernando Ochoa, the defence minister, regained control of both the presidential buildings. The situation at the nearby Miranda military air base, however, was still unclear last night.

Sporadic shooting continued near the air base. A small group of rebels who survived the government counter-offensive was holding out in the base's air force headquarters. Military officers communicating on military and police radio bands were overheard discussing whether they should order the building to be bombed.

Meanwhile, conflicting reports from Valencia claimed that the rebel armoured division under the command of an army captain there was refusing to surrender and was in control of a garrison outside the city. The government has de-

clared a state of martial law in order to maintain control of Caracas, the capital, and the principal cities and other population centres.

The attempt at mounting a military takeover came as a shock to Venezuelans after 30 years of staunchly democratic



Look of defeat: coup leader Major Hugo Chavez yesterday after his surrender

Exile who rose to the top

ing overthrew the dictator.

He rose to national promi-

nence as a hardline interior

minister in the early 1960s.

In his first term as president, from 1974 to 1979, his big-spending policies, helped by a

quadrupling of oil revenues.

brought prosperity and near-

full employment to the coun-

was the nationalisation of the

oil industry in January 1976.

in Señor Perez's second

oresidential term, oil prices

had slumped and the country

staggered under a \$33.2 bil-

lion (£18.5 billion) foreign

debt. Less than a month after

Marcos Pérez Jiminez.

FROM REUTER IN CARACAS PRESIDENT Pérez of Venedemocracy was established in 1958 when a popular upris-

zuela has long had a high international profile in seeking to resolve Central American and Caribbean disputes and in championing Third World causes.

Buoyed by Venezuela's oil wealth and the country's record as one of the most stable democracies in Latin America, he has also been active in the affairs of the Exporting Countries. Most recently, he has played a role in trying to resolve the political impasse in Haiti.

Senor Pérez was an exile and political prisoner under the military-led governments that ruled Venezuela before he took office in February 1989, economic reforms were introduced, including sharp increases in petrol and public transport prices. Nearly 300 people were killed in rioting sparked by the increases, according to official figures.

His first year in office was marked by highest inflation recorded in Venezuela about 80 per cent - and a severe recession, with the gross domestic product shrinking by 8.3 per cent. But his economic reforms yielded fruit, cutting inflation, and the economy was spurred to boom levels. The gross domestic product grew by 9.2 per cent last year and by 4.4 per cent in 1990.

Fire at colony camp kills 21

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

AT LEAST 21 people were burnt to death and more than 120 were injured when Vietnamese boat people in a Hong Kong detention camp ran riot, pushing burning blankets through the roof and windows of a hut where men women and children had fled for shelter.

Among the dead were at least five children aged under 16. Seven more boat people were last night still in critical condition in hospital after the incident on Monday night. There was more fighting carly last night, but police said here were no casualties.

The worst camp violence since the colony began play-ing reluctant host to the tens of thousands of boat people began early on Monday eve-ning when hundreds of inmates from two sections of the crowded Shek Kong de-tention centre clashed in what appeared to be a dispute over hot water. A police investigation into the violence, which last night led to the arrest of at least four Vietnamese, was also looking at claims that guards may have locked the hut doors from the outside to keep inmates away

from the fighting. Officials were also making preparations last night to move 2,500 north Vietnam-ese out of Shek Kong to separate them from the south Vietnamese who were blamed for the brutal attack. Ironically, all the dead and many of the rioters had volunteered to return to Vietnam peacefully, halling the authorities into the belief that communal vio-lence would not break out in their section. Unlike the rest of the territory's 54,465 detainees, north and south Viet-

namese were not segregated. Officials said the first indication of trouble occurred early in the evening. A fight had broken out in a queue for hot water in Section C of the camp. The police had moved in and the incident seemed to have blown over, they said. fighting broke out between south and north Vietnamese with such ferocity that police guards were driven out. They resorted to firing tear-gas over the fence as they waited for reinforcements. By the time the 200-strong riot force was ready, the but was on fire.

Amnesty claims rape is 'routine'

London: Women are routine ly raped and abused by police, soldiers and prison guards in dozens of countries, according to Amnesty International (Michael Binyon writes). The victims have even included pregnant women and girls aged only 14.

Yet many governments refuse to recognise rape as a serious human rights violation, and rapists often have been government agents. Amnesty reports. Thorough investigations are seldom held and the few perpetrators prosecuted often get away with a light reprimand.

Amnesty says rape and sex-ual abuse are commonly used to extract confessions in Turkey. Dozens of Palestinian women and girls detained in the Israeli-occupied territories have also reportedly been sexually abused.

In Uganda soldiers have

raped women and girls while searching villages for rebels. In the Philippines, too, many rapes during military operations have been documented.

Some women run the risk of being raped or abused because they are targets for government oppression. A Guatemalan trade unionist said she was kept naked throughout her interrogation and threatened with gang rape if she did not reveal information. Twelve women in Greece, arrested after putting up political posters, were kept naked in an open room full of policemen.

One of the worst cases was in India in 1990, when soldiers at a Kashmir roadblock fired on a bus carrying a wedding party before drag-ging the bride, aged 18, and her pregnant aunt into a field. Six soldiers then raped

Iraq silent

New York: Iraq will not to attend resumed UN talks in Vienna on the possible resumption of Iraqi oil sales, because they were no longer useful, Abdul Amir al-Anbari, the ambassador to the UN said. (Reuter)

Sheriff killed

Suva. Fiji: A court sheriff was stoned to death as he tried to evict six striking miners from houses belonging to the for-merly Australian-owned Emperor Gold Mines Company north of here. Five people have been arrested. (AFP)

Bandit raid

Hyderabad: Bandits firing rockets attacked a train in southern Pakistan, killed a policeman, robbed passen-gers and kidnapped 18 people. The train was on its way through rural Sind to Karachi. (Reuter)

Case dropped

Maputo: Prosecutors have dropped the case against Colonel Manuel Antonio, the Mozambique interior minister accused of participating in a plot to overthrow the gov-ernment, the AIM news agency said. (AP)

Hostage bishop

Kampala: Uganda's Roman manuel Wamaia, was held hostage for 24 hours by a gun-wielding Aids victim who blew himself up with a hand grenade.

Storm deaths

Cairo: Fourteen people, including three sisters, were killed and dozens injured in a sand storm that swept across Egypt. The sisters, aged between six and 13, died when a wall collapsed in a Cairo suburb. (AFP)

Organisation is to test a cocktail of ofloxacin, and rifampicin, two powerful antibiotics, that could help to wipe out leprosy, which still afflicts between five and six million people. (Reuter)

Kuwait City: Kuwait security

"two groups of Iraqis, one of which aimed at committing acts of sabotage while the other was made up of smuggiers", according to the interior ministry. (AFP)

Muslims riot

Algiers: Security forces clashed with crowds protesting at the trials of Muslim fundamentalists in the eastern cities of Constantine and Batna. The headquarters of an Islamic trade union were

Japan Time capsule sealed to gaffes mark 'Death Railway' rile US FROM DAVID BRUNNSTROM

IN HELLFIRE PASS, THAILAND

ALLIED veterans of the Far East campaign forced to slave on Japan's "Death Railway" returned to the Thai jungle yesterday to seal mementoes into a time capsule to be opened 100 years after the

"I spent my 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd birthdays on this railway" Rocky Home, aged 70, of Melbourne, said. "I don't want my grandchil-dren to go through the same."

More than a dozen former members of the armed forces headed by Colonel Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop, of Australia, gathered with the ambassadors of Britain, Aus-Netherlands and America at Hellfire Pass. The pass was one of the

most notorious stretches of the rail link through Thailand and Burma that the Japanese army ordered to be built as a route to British India. A quarter of a million Asian labourers and Allied prisoners of war worked on the 260-mile railway.

About 13,000 Allied prisoners of war and 80,000 labourers, most of them Thais, Burmese and Malays. died of starvation, disease or brutality carving a way through almost impenetrable jungle and solid rock outcrops. "This stretch here killed a lot of good men, Colonel Dunlop, aged 85, said pointing down the narticians and businessmen are even worse ... the presidents row Konyu Cutting, carved through rock now overhung with enormous bamboo

shoots and jungle creepers. He said that teams of emaciated men suffering dysentery and malaria worked barefoot and in rags laying sleepers and rails through the pass. Some of the line survives today. They worked around the clock to the light of flaming torches: it was this that gave the stretch of railway the

had been the result of shoddy name Hellfire Pass. Grey-haired, stooped old Boeing, which had repaired soldiers wearing medals on the JAL aircraft just before their civilian clothes stood



Memory line: A former Australian PoW returns to 'Death Railway' in Helifire Pass, Thailand

"Last Post" was played to a background chorus of tropical insects. Colonel Dunlop and Bill Toon, of the Australian Returned Servicemen's League, placed a 105mm artillery shell case containing wartime writings and later tributes in a concrete plinth

overlooking the pass. Letters from the prime ministers of Britain, The Netherlands, New Zealand and Australia and from President Bush were included. Mr Bush's letter said he hoped

the recent changes in the

world's political scene prom-

again to attention while the ised a brighter future. The capsule is to be opened in 2042, a century after work on the railway started. "So much pain and giving

took place here, we owe it to those who suffered to always remember them," Richard Butler, the Australian ambassador, said. "The conditions were bad, the disease was bad," Mr Horne said. "The only way to survive was to keep moving. If you stopped and laid down, you died." The old soldiers said of Helifire Pass that one prisoner died for each railway sleeper laid. (Reuter)

Tyson rape trial

Judge bars women defence witnesses

brought prosecution cries of dirty tricks, Mike Tyson's defence lawyers yesterday attempted to introduce three seen the boxer's accuser locked in sexual play with him shortly before the mo-ment she claims he raped her. However, Judge Patricia Gifford, acting on the furious protests of Greg Garrison, the prosecutor, refused to allow evidence from the three women, who were said to have come forward only last Thursday when the trial was well under way. "I wonder what rock these people have been hiding under that they never heard what was going on,"

... A surprise move that

their sudden appearance as 'inherently untrustworty". The judge expressed scepticism about the credibility of the women and the defence team's tactics. She rebuked Vincent Fuller, the distinguished Washington counsel acting for the boxer, for failing to inform the prosecution when the women came forward in the middle of the prosecution testimony last week. "The court doesn't appreciate being put in this position in the middle of a

Mr Garrison said, dismissing

trial," she said. According to Mr Fuller, the women would have contradicted evidence from Desiree Washington, the young beauty contestant who claims she was raped, that she had not engaged in sexual play with Tyson in the back of his limousine before accompanying him to his hotel room. The women, who are all connected with the Black Expo event that brought Tyson to Indianapolis last July, would testify that "these two people in the back seat were all over each other", the defence lawyer

In the first real clash between the stately Mr Fuller and the fiery Mr Garrison. the defence team implored the court to believe that they had had no intention of con-

The judge in the Tyson trial was not amused when the defence team tried to call three surprise witnesses, Charles Bremner reports from Indianapolis

cealing key witnesses, in contravention of American rules of pre-trial "discovery". Mr Fuller protested about his honour being impugned and offered to swear on the Bible that his team had not set out to ambush the prosecution.

Legal experts said the judge came close to declaring a mistrial, a step which would have required the whole multi-million dollar media circus to pack up from the court and come back to start again in several months' time. The experts said that her decision to bar the testimony will be grounds for the appeal which the defence will automatically file should

Tyson be acquitted. Several boxing commentators perceived the hand of Don King, Tyson's controversial manager and longtime client of Mr Fuller, in the sudden appearance of the three witnesses, who all say they were outside the Canterbury hotel when Tyson's limousine drew up. The jury was absent for the legal battle, on the eighth day of the boxer's

trial. The battery of legal experts, who are delivering a running commentary for television networks and the press, believe that the prosecution has so far presented a highly convincing case to the eightman and four-woman jury. Tyson's fate will probably depend on the figure he cuts when he delivers his own version of events from the witness box, probably today or tomorrow. In Mr Garrison, he will face one of the most formidable opponents of his life and for once the weapons, words, are not the boxer's

Mr Garrison is certain to attempt to provoke the boxer. a former street mugger, into

one of the outbursts of temper for which he is known. His goal will be to efface the sympathetic image of the helpless man-child which has so far been drawn in the court.

As the prosecution neared

the end of its evidence. Ms Washington's mother gave a tearful account of her daughter's "torment" since her encounter with Tyson. "She sees his face the whole time ... She is not the same daughter that went to Indianapolis. She has not been the same since the day we returned," Mary Bell Washington said, displaying all the emotion that her daughter held back in her own highly composed court appearance last week. Mrs Washington and her husband drove to Indianapolis from their home in Rhode Island to bring their daughter home after her alleged rape. Mrs Washington said that her daughter kept saying: "Mom, I'm not the same

Desiree any more". While Mrs Washington's account of her daughter corresponded precisely with the image of the innocent Sunday-school teacher who stood in the witness box last week, another version has begun to emerge in recent days. According to other contestants who were with her during the Miss Black America pageant, Ms Washington was the most flirtatious of their group when the boxer paid a visit to them during a rehearsal. She was the only one, for example, who volunteered her telephone number to Tyson. The defence is basing its case on the argument that Ms Washington deliberately led the boxer on, fully aware of the likely outcome of her visit to

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Standing by his prejudices

Pat Buchanan is fighting furiously in New Hampshire, says Peter Stothard

magine that my colleague Bernard Levin had been of-fered a place in the cabinet and needed to stand for parliament to seize his prize. Whatever his qualifications, he would have one or two handicaps (perhaps one or two million would be more accurate) in the columns with which he has stimulated Times readers over the years. Barely a single reader has never been appalled by something Bernard has written. By the time that his opponents had scanned his ocuvre, plucking phrases from their contexts, his chances of achieving the programmatic blandness required in politics today would be slim.

So when the American columnist and broadcaster Patrick Buchanan announced last year that he would be challenging George Bush for the Republican presidential nomination in New Hampshire, White House aides merely smiled. They salivated at

the thought of the outrageous remarks that they would find in the electronic libraries which these days sit at the end of every campaigner's

computer. Some bered the time Mr Buchanan attacked feminist lobbyists with the words we ought to send those chicks back to the kitchen where they be-long". Others recalled his opposition to Operation Desert Storm ("the war for which the neo-conservatives

pant has quagmire written all over it"), his criticism of congress as "Israeli occupied territory" and his attacks on "the Israeli Defence Ministry and its amen corner in the United

Other black marks included a statement that Nazi diesel engines could not have caused mass killines at Treblinka, his opposition to the pursuit of war criminals and his attacks on homosexuals ("Aids is nature's retribution") and blacks ("the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan can't hold a candle to the thuggish criminal elements of the black community

in Washington DC'). Surely, thought the president's men, the man who once described the prestigious Washington Post as "the attack dog of the American left" would get scant sympathy from the journalists who have so much power over who is perceived to do well in New Hampshire. He

would be buried. Mr Buchanan was cenainly vulnerable. As a former speechwriter for presidents Nixon and Reagan he has never apologised for Watergate or the Iran-Contra affair. He has never sought shelter in woolly equivocation. No one who wants to earn \$400,000 (E720,000) a year in the word-peddling world of Washington can afford to. Political campaigners live by provoking and exploiting "gaffes". Here was a man whose gaffes were all on record. They had only to be highlighted. Patrick Buchanan was the Bill Clinton of the wordprocessor, whose past heights of rhetoric would prove as devastat-ing as the high heels about to tread on the governor from Arkansas.

Events have not turned out like that. This week the Bush blitz begins in New Hampshire. Custom dictates that presidents do not advertise on television in the nation's first primary election. But custom has been hurled aside by the men of the "Bush-Quayle 92" campaign, as they have swung from nonchalance (Buchanan heading for 20 per cent of the February 18 vote) to nervousness (30 per cent) to panic (a possible 40 per cent, bringing to mind the New Hampshire upsets for Harry Truman in 1952 and Lyndon

Johnson in 1968). Today the past is every candidate's enemy. When the phone rings Governor Clinton never knows whether it is a well-wisher with wallet and sympathy, offering a \$10,000 contribution, or an illwisher with letters and tapes recalling midnight trysts. But he is

holding on, helped by a determined effort by the a determined main newspapers to avoid another feeding frenzy around a candidate's corpse. The spirit of Gary Hart is cru-

cial to the help for Bill Clinton: if one is to sin, it is said, at least be the second to be caught sinning. George Bush is suffering considered the first to be caught out in dress lie before the

people of New Hampshire. Mr Mr Buchanan's advertisements focus on the president's 1988 broken promise not to raise taxes. Two have been broadcast so far, and they are devastatingly clear. "Now Mr Bush is promising to fix the recession. Can we afford four more years of broken promises?" asks

the narrator.

Mr Buchanan is doing well despite the outrageousness of some of his past remarks, because he has refused to retract a single one of them. Yesterday it was announced that he has been more successful at fundraising than any of the other candidates competing in the New Hampshire primary. His "America First" rhetoric - which the White House plans to portray as "pinhead isolationism" — is finding eager listeners. Charges of anti-Semitism have not taken hold. He has turned down many opportunities to withdraw his comments about

The friendly questioning of him by fellow journalists is one of the ig surprises of the campaign so far. Instead of rilling through the files for dirt, they have treated Mr Buchanan as one of their own.
"America is bitter because the front pages of the prestige press and the major network news shows are saturated with liberal bigotry," he once wrote. But yesterday's liberal bigots are also the people who today are bored dissatisfied and generally disinclined to do anything to help George Bush.

The passing of the all-women colleges endangers an admirable species, laments Philip Howard

A n axe chops in the cherry orchard for a noble English institution institution, with the news that Somerville College, Oxford, is to admit male undergraduates next year. It is one of the last of our nests of blue-stockings that were the envy of the world. The name blue-stocking comes from a club Della Calza "of the stocking" founded in Venice in 1400. A similar society called Bas-bleu, for female intellectuals, appeared in Paris in 1590. It was copied in London about 1750 by a society founded by Elizabeth Montagu, whom Dr Johnson called: "Queen of the Blues". In fact the member of her club conspicuous for blue stockings was a chap, Benjamin Stillingfleet, Blue worsted stockings were thought mad academic casual beside formal black silk stockings. "Blue-stocking" is now a man's term of abuse when faced

with the ugly possibility that a woman may be deverer than he is. You do not have to be a male chauvinist or a militant feminist to regret the arrival of co-education at Somerville. It was special: home from home of the brightest and best. In summer the tennis and croquet on its main garden quad were like something out of TennyBlue-stocking blues

1960s, a woman who entertained a man in her room had to push her bed into the corridor first for the sake of appearances. It is hard today to understand what a giant step forward the foundation of a women's college like Somerville was. Every century a few excep-tional women, from Margaret Beaufort and Mary Wollstonecraft to Jane Austen and George Eliot. broke the barrier and showed that women were quite as capable of being educated as men. But the monstrous idea came late to Oxford, long after the United States, and ten years after Cambridge. Lady Margaret Hall, a women's

college governed according to church principles, was opened in 1878. A year later came Somerville, named after Mary Somerville, the mathematician and scientific writer. It was undenominational, open to women irrespec tive of religion or race and it has been a powerhouse of dever women ever since. Until recently it always came top or near the top of the Norrington table of college finals results. Its alumnae are famous around the world: Shirley Williams, Indira Gandhi, Vera Brittain, Dorothy Sayers, Esther Rantzen, Rose Maczulay, Kiri Te Kanawa, Dorothy Hodgkin, and of course, Margaret Thatcher.

In the 25 years since the middle Sixties, a wave of co-education has swept through the old universities. Oxford and Cambridge ceased to be male preserves with a few female strongholds within them, and it took a strong-minded young woman to choose a woman's college, however distinguished, once she was offered entry to much older, grander, richer, and more beautiful institutions. The allwomen colleges slipped to the bottom of the Norrington table, and its equivalent at Cambridge, the Tompkins.

The single-sex male colleges have all gone co-ed, down to the last ditches of Oriel at Oxford and Magdalene at Cambridge. Girton Somerville goes, the only all-woman college left at Oxford will be St Hilda's. Still flying the allfemale flag at Cambridge are Newnham and New Hall, and the splendid new Lucy Cavendish for manne women who missed higher education. I suppose it is only logical and fair, but it seems a pity. Pressure for academic results and for beef in the university

hierarchy pushes women's colleges

to go co-ed.

The proportion of women at Oxford and Cambridge has risen to about two-fifths among undergraduates. It is much lower in the senior common rooms. Most female undergraduates outside the women's colleges are now taught and tutored by men. Many co-ed, formerly male colleges have only a few token female fellows. Many more men than women apply for any post going, because until recently few women had the higher education necessary to qualify for the posts. And in any case,

job of bearing children and run-ning a home. Equality will really have arrived at Oxbridge when Christ Church has a Deaconess and Trinity has a Mistress. LMH let the side down by appointing its first male principal. It is not as if there are too many top jobs for women academics.

Something of value is being lost with the passing of our bluestocking colleges. Co-education is not necessarily more fun for the girls. They can end up, as women always have done, washing the socks and cooking the spag bog and doing the groceries and playing mother to feckless male undergraduates before their time They rapidly take on the traditional character of their colleges, so that Oriel women tend to be hearty rowers, and Magdalene girls are

preny damn yaah. There is something to be said for the fun, and freedom, and privacy, and sensible feminism of an allwomen's college. Floreat Somerville, as it always has proudly. But floreant even more St Hilda's and Newnham and Lucy Cavendish and New Hall. Equality means equal opportunities, not compulsory shared bathrooms for all.

The Mediterranean way of life is impervious to Brussels bureaucracy, writes Martin Ivens

Europe's sea of troubles

asm for a campaign in Italy after his North African suc-Europe's "soft underbelly". The Mediterranean, ignored by Brussels, has become the entry point for the exploding populations of the Mahgreb, while its ancient traditions thwart the best laid plans of northern bureaucrats. Has the south become the European Community's own soft underbelly? Northern Europeans have not

understood what is happening to the south. Jacques Delors blithely prophesied that his European city on a shining hill would be built on Christian foundations, but the Islamic influx from across the Mediterranean already confounds thinking of the Mediterranean as a barrier between Islam and Christendom, north Europeans have wiped the inner sea off their mental map. It lives on only in the books of such writers as Lawrence Durrell, in the form of nostalgia for a lost cosmopolitan civilisation which succumbed first to the Nazis and then to the post-colonial barbarians.

As any student of historical geography knows, seas and rivers are as much corridors for commerce and the flow of peoples as barriers or frontiers. The Mediterranean is to Europe what the Rio Grande is to the United States. Millions of Muslim immigrants have poured in to France. Italy and Spain, and they intend to stay. With the removal of internal border controls, they will head north. Prosperous northerners find it bothersome to breed, so southerners take their place in the great cities.

Only when the police or the native poor fought running battles with the migrants did the political elite start to take notice. Italy, which once prided itself on its hospitable nature, is now a tinderbox of racial conflict, fuelled by the arrival of a million immigrants in five years. The rise of xenophobic regional "leagues" in the prosperous north may well be more than a grotesque curiosity in Italy's



In cosmopolitan France, host to more than four million foreignborn residents, the main Paris mosque now has a Mufti chosen in fundamentalist Algeria. Le Pen's National Front has outgrown its Poujadist, lower-middle-class base, and is now spreading its poison among the urban working class, which lives cheek-by-jow with immigrants from Mahgreb. Moroccans pour into Spain, a mere eight miles across the straits of Gibraltar, accused by resentful locals of bringing a

plague of drugs in their wake. Until recently, the south was treated by Brussels as a joke. Applications to join the Christian Community of Europe by Turkey and Morocco were consigned to bureaucratic never-never land. Azeddin Ohessous, the Moroccan minister dealing with Brussels, was forced to ask "How can can you make one of the great corridors of commerce in history into a barrier, a fortification?", adding "This is the setting for war".

The Quai d'Orsay hopes that in Algeria the French trained officer corps will keep the fundamentalist masses at bay. The French and Italian governments have adopted a "pay them to stay at home policy", much criticised by the British. At the Luxembourg summit last June, the Foreign Office felt it had been bounced into sending more aid to Algeria tosafeguard debts to French banks.

Mass immigration from the south is the open challenge. But does the Mediterranean outlook. shared by its inhabitants on both shores, pose a more subtle threat to the unifiers of Brussels? Robert Fox's new study of the Mediterranean and its people, The Inner Sea (Sinclair-Stevenson, £19.95), advances the thesis that it is the flexibility of the southern outlook that could wreck a Europe united Like latterday William the Conquerors with a Domesday Book in mind, Brussels officials have pro-posed to register individually every cow in the EC. The British will go along, grumbling, but like the good Europeans we are at heart. will obey. In the Mediterranean south, where vast areas of life are unaffected by the state, the new Domesday book will be doomed by holesale fraud.

or centuries the clannish Mediterranean peasant has been evading the tithes of the church, the exactions of monarchs and the rents of absentee landlords. Ties of blood are far more binding than the rule of law. North Italians have long despaired of reforming their southern neighbours' corrupt politics. In the Mezzogiorno, where community, faction and friend-ship outweigh any national laws, they certainly know how to rig an

electoral machine. Can Brussels do any better than Rome?

Britain, of all European countries, will suffer most from this division between north and south. Our trains may stop running when leaves fall on the line, but the Inland Revenue still collects our taxes efficently, and our laws, even European ones, are obeyed. Hence the government's willingness to go to the wall over the European Social Charter. Rich countries want poorer countries to raise their labour costs by limiting working hours. In the end, Britain is prepared to comply. The Mediterranean countries would applaud such a communautaire approach and preserve their comparative labour advantage by failing to enforce it.

On his travels. Fox was told by an Italian professor that the Mediterranean operates on a system dating back to the ancient world. in which "virtue and honour are based not on moral goodness but on power and blood".



...and moreover Alan Coren

wish, this morning, I were chiselling words out lit-erally. Of a granite slab, in the open sleet, with fingers chipped and blue as the stone. But I am not I am chiselling them out only metaphorically. It is how I generally describe the job of getting words out, because jocularity is a hedge against pretension, and when inquisitive laymen ask me about the nature of the, er, creative process, I smile this shy dismis-sive smile I have and I say I don't know about any of that. I just climb into the roof of a morning and start chiselling words out. This may sound phony, but if you are a hack and someone asks you how you go about it, there is no way of not sounding phony, and anyway it is like that. Except I do not actually use a chisel.

But Keith actually uses a chisel. When inquisitive laymen ask Keith about the nature of the demolition process. Keith doubtless smiles this shy dismissive smile he has and says I don't know about any of that, I just climb onto the roof of a morning and start chiselling bricks out. That is where he is now, banging away at my chimney stack. And I am level with him, banging away at my wordprocessor. The difference is, I am inside and Keith is outside. From time to time, we giance at one another through the attic window, and when this happens, I type even faster. The words I type are meaningless, and when I have finished typing them, I press they key which

deletes them, but Keith doesn't know this, he just thinks I'm working my fingers to the bone. At least, I hope he does, I even underscore that hope by looking variously morose and frantic. I tear my hair, I pinch the bridge of my nose. I hurl balls of paper into the bin. I swear as noisily as I can. I want Keith to know this writing game is not all beer and skittles, just sitting in the warm and tapping at a keyboard. I want Keith to glance at me and think, look at that poor sod, I may be out here in this sub-zero gale risking life and limb, but at least I am not in there going

stark raving mad, what a life, how does he do it, day after day? I want Joe to think that, too. Joe is the plumber. Joe is down-stairs replacing the boiler which will be attached to the new flue after Keith has finished demolishing enough of the chimney to poke the new flue through. Thus, in order for Joe to think that, too, I have to trudge downstairs from time to time, so that Joe can hear me cursing and see me fooking morose and frantic. You may think this unnecessary, since Joe is not out on the freezing roof watching me sitting in the warm and tapping at a keyboard, for all Joe knows I might have gone out to work before he arrived and be down the mine right now hewing at the coaling

with a canary gasping its last beside me. But I did not go out

to work before Joe arrived; when

Joe arrived, I answered the door.

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once by lying to Joe about being up until 5 am typing, why do we kill ourselves, Joe, we only pass this way but once, there has to be more to life than .

Then there is all the supine work, which is what hacks have to do in between chiselling. I normally do this in the attic, but if I do so today, Keith will see me, and if I do it downstairs, Joe will see me, and if they see me they will not understand that I am doing some deep thinking, they will think I am doing some deep kipping, so I shall have to do it in the bedroom, and if they chance to catch me at it when they are carrying pipework through. I shall have to say I have this terrible headache, it comes of staring at a VDU all the hours God gave, a lot of

writers have to retire early, and no pension to speak of, Keith...
They already know it's a very physical job. Manual labour, really. We established this yesterday, at wash-up time. We all used the sink in the kitchen to get the muck off, it's a filthy business, typing, people don't realise, and I went Ow! Ow! and Joe and Keith said what is it. and I said you mean you've never read about Repetitive Strain Injury, it's a very serious wrist complaint you get from typing, some writers end up crippled, and Joe and Keith said getaway, really, dear oh dear. Why blue collars should make white ones feel guilty, but not

vice-versa, who can say? It's no

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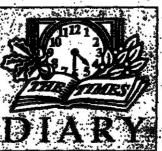
Encore Delors

DOUGLAS HURD flies to Brussels tonight for a private dinner with Jacques Delors at which he is expected to tell the EC president that Britain has no objection to an extension of his stay in office.

Delors is due to retire from the post at the end of this year and there will be some surprise in antifederalist circles that Britain will support the retention of the man whom Mrs Thatcher once accused of introducing "socialism by the back door" and who has become one of the principal beasts of Tory demonology. "We will sup-port the consensus," says a Foreign Office spokesman - which means, if Delors wants it, British backing for a further two years

While Sir Geoffrey Howe was foreign secretary, contact with Delors was kept to a formal minimum, but Hurd has been discreetly conducting a private dialogue for nearly two years. It was he who finally succeeded in getting Delors invited to Downing Street by Mrs Thatcher. "They were both on their best behaviour," says one who was present. "But that's probably because they never discussed EMU." Many had expected Britain would back the rival claim of Ruud Lubbers. who may now have to wait until 1994. Another potential con-

tender is Felipe González. Hurd will fly to Brussels after this morning unveiling a logo to mark Britain's six-month presidency of the EC later this year. The FO put the contract out to tender and several design consultancies as well as the Central Office of Information out in bids. Yesterday the FO was keeping secret the winning design and its designer, although it is known that the



COI's own design was rejected. Hurd will bump into Delors again on Friday on a junker which is extravagant even by EC standards. Because the treaty agreed in Maastricht in December was not formally signed at the time, all 12 EC foreign ministers are returning to the Dutch town for a brief signing session, to be fel-lowed by dinner in the elegant surroundings of the Chateau Necreanne. Have they never heard of faxes?

Political correctness seems to have infiltrated the BBC. This week's issue of BBC Playdays, the corporation's magazine for kids, contains detailed instructions on how to make a headdress using only thin card, give and feathers. Now you can pretend to be native. Americans," it enthuses. So now we can all play cowchildren and native Americans, presumably.

Monkey business

THERE was just the fainnest whiff of firecrackers in London's Chinatown yesterday as the year of the monkey dawned. In Gerard Street shoos and restaurants it was business as usual, much to the disappointment of many in the Chinese community. Nicola Lee, a 22vear-old trainee at the Bank of East Asia, was sombrely eating



"All over Asia, everyone is partying. Here you have to choose between earning a wage and cele-brating." Most of the 200,000 BBCs (British-Based Chinese) also carried on working, with traditional lestivites confined to the night before when sucking pigs were consumed, paper money was



burm and mah-jong was played by all. Only in the embassy did London's Chinese community appear to be enjoying a day off. The phone rang out unanswered all day - but then again, they may have simply decided not to talk to the world. The phone had not been answered the day before, either.

Pouting pretty

THERE is nowhere better to promore the cause of feminism than in the pages of Penthouse, the New York writer Emily Prager told her audience on the South Bank, where she was reading last

night. Prager is in London to promote her new book, Eve's Tattoo. and London feminists are not convinced that a serious woman writer should be leading a double life as the intellectual playmate of the month in one of the world's

leading soft porn magazines. But Ms Prager assured them there is no conflict between her ideological position and the ap-pearance of her column in such an ideologically unsound publication. "I assume the missionary position in Penthouse," she told the astonished assembly of London's literati. Lie back and think

Iron will

IN THE face of stories that the unveiling of Hyde Park's Queen Elizabeth Gate has been delayed by up to two years due to lack of funds, the model of Giuseppe Lund's design will go on public view for the first time tomorrow at the Roy Miles gallery in Berkeley Square. The organisers hope that the public will be inspired by the miniature to dig deep to raise the £1.5 millon required. But they insist that the project is not in jeopardy.

"We raised £25,000 in the last fortnight alone." says organiser Richard Briggs. "Today we have had so much mail I haven't even opened it." The project has taken longer than expected, he insists. simply because the scheme has grown. "Originally it was only a gate and we needed less than El million. Now its 120 feet long with ten acres of landscaping." A blacksmith is standing by, British Steel has donated the materials, the designs are virtually complete and despite reports to the contrary. they insist the gate will be in-stalled by Easter next year and the Queen Mother herself will do the honours.

OFF THE TARGET

In the hair-trigger pre-election jungle, the undergrowth has only to rustle for guns to blaze. Bryan Gould for Labour was in the butts yesterday unleashing a volley at the government over its alleged opposition to European proposals on the environment "Either we take the environment seriously or we don't, said Mr Gould. Mr Gould's ostensible target was the British government's attitude to "new" proposals on environmental impact assessments (EIA) to emanate from the European Commission. His target was a phantom, avidly given substance by yesterday morning's BBC. The pattern for the coming campaign is thus clearly set.

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There are no new proposals. Last October a plan seeped from the lower reaches of the ever-eager Brussels bureaucracy for new procedures for environmental impact assessments. At present, a development plan is brought to a certain stage of ripeness at which point it is subject to an EIA. The costs and benefits are weighed before a decision is made by the national government concerned as to whether or not the project should go ahead. The Eurocrats wanted to substitute for this a procedure whereby environmental considerations were brought into the equation by law, when first a development proposal came under discussion.

The British did not agree. The Brussels proposal was impractical. Was it really suggested that whenever two people sat down to discuss whether castles in the air should be turned into buildings on the ground, they should be forced by law to commission a costly study of the environmental merits of the proposal? The Eurocrats, more used to a continental insouciance towards the letter of the law, did not agree but went away to think again. They are still thinking. No proposals have been put before the European Commission, let alone before the Council of Ministers. All that was said on behalf of David Trippier, the British minister, yesterday was that Britain still did not think such proposals as these would work.

The British government is not opposed, as Mr Gould chose to imply, to environmental impact assessments. It has adopted Brussels proposals enshrining EIAs in community law. It pats itself on the back for being a community "progressive" in these matters. Confusion has been caused in the case of seven big projects, including the Twyford Down extension of the M3, because Britain may not have complied precisely with EC rules on these assessments. This is a matter of dispute between the government and Brussels. But on EIAs generally Britain is behaving well. Spain and Germany are taken to court on environmental matters five times more often than Britain.

Mr Gould should have taken a different line of attack. Affirming Labour's concern for the environment, he should have taken a nationalist line and said that such matters should not fall within the competence of Brussels, Carlo Ripa di Meana, the Italianenvironment commissioner with a gargan-tuan reputation in Britain for double standards, has done little to stop the Germans killing off their forests or his own country fouling its beaches. Brussels, Mr Gould might have said, lays down overelaborate conservation rules which extend beyond the regulation of European commerce or even the protection of continental environment. It meddles for the sake of it.

Labour could even have argued that any British government that really cared for the environment would not need a nanny in Brussels to keep it in order, that Labour would so order things as to sustain subsidiarity and the supremacy of Parhament. As it is, Mr Gould is so eager to use any stick to beat his opponents that all sense of proportion in matters European has been abandoned. As long as the Conservative government is sceptical about many edicts emanating from the European Commission headquarters, so long will Labour regard them all as encapsulating the highest virtue. And there could be three months of this still

NOTHING ON THE RADIO

The bids for a second national radio network announced yesterday are a depressing comment on the continuing fiasco of government broadcasting policy. Phone-ins and 1960s pop-music - known in the trade as "Gold" have become the stable fare of much of Britain's commercial radio. They represent no real challenge to the government-backed BBC radio network. While public and private-sector television rival and to an extent enhance each other, public and privatesector radio seem to exist on separate planets.

The government's strategy for expanding radio by auctioning wavelengths for new national commercial networks is still gripped by the dogma that blighted the Channel 3 television auction last year. This is that in a free market in wavelengths, the price offered the Treasury should be everything and quality and range of choice nothing. The auction the Radio Authority is required to hold precludes even the exceptional consideration of quality the Independent Television Commission introduced last autumn.

The first condition for a successful radio bid is that it must be capable of meeting the exorbitant cost of renting public-sector transmitters, a price partly dictated by union agreements. The second is that the bid must be realistic in the present harsh economic climate, so that the new company does not go out of business. The first requirement makes the second harder to meet. The third requirement, once these are met, is that the winning bid must be higher than all other bids. There is no quality threshold, no publicservice element, no policy of widening the range of choice available to the listener in this oligopolistic market. With likely start-up costs of £10 million and an annual transmitter rental of £1.5 million, the system might have been designed to discriminate against programming innovation in favour of market-maximising blandness.

Bidders were announced yesterday for a second national commercial radio service, known as INR2, which will take over BBC

Radio 3's slots in the medium waveband. The winner will huri nonstop album rock and pop-music into a market already saturated with such fare yet bereft of, for instance, classical music or full-time news. Even so, the lack of any bid from Capital Radio, London's main pop-music commercial station, suggests that a national network might not be able to leap the financial

hurdles put in its way by the Home Office. Capital points out that what has made commercial radio attractive to listeners and advertisers is a local connection. But except in the biggest conurbations, even local radio cannot build an adequate audience unless it appeals to the most popular of all markets, that for mass-market pop. The one experiment in minority-interest broadcasting. London's proubled Jazz FM, has not yet proved that any other format can work. High costs imposed by the regulator would play havoc with any station's economics.

The highest bid yesterday, of £4 million by the Independent National Broadcasting Company, may well be judged too generous. The Radio Authority could regard it as inviting the fate suffered by Showtime, the originally successful bidder for the first national commercial wavelength, which failed to raise the downpayment it had promised. Its successor, a classical music channel, has also been in trouble. More plausible is the £1.9 million bid from a partnership of TV-am and Virgin and chaired by TV-am's chairman Bruce Gyngell. His company lost its television franchise last autumn.

None of yesterday's bids, however, promise innovation and excellence in radio broadcasting. That is less the fault of the broadcasters than of those who made the rules. The price-only franchise auction was supposed to prove that an unregulated private sector (commercial radio) could give an overbureaucratised public sector (the BBC) a run for its money. So far it has merely demonstrated the opposite.

AN ILL WIND

The financial debade in the Outer Hebrides has apparently brought a rush of interest in tourism in the archipelago. Interminable rain, gales recorded one day in six, scarce trees and even scarcer entertainment have been as nothing compared to a £24 million black hole in the council's budget thanks to the collapse of the Bank of Commerce and Credit International. Calls have poured into the island's tourist office and an extra 10,000 brochures have been ordered.

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The islanders are having to pay off the BCCI debt to the tune of £2.7 million over 30 years. This may be partly offset by the largess showered on them by the European Community, this year of £1.4 million to the tourist industry alone. Now the Hebrides has become home for the latest form of disaster rubber-necking. We are used to drivers slowing to inspect cars crashed on a motorway, flocking to view a shipwrecked ship or hunning for ghoulish souvenirs after an air catastrophe. The scene of a famous murder sometimes attracts so many onlookers that residents plead for street names and house numbers to be changed. Just occasionally the notoriety has been turned to good effect, as with tours of "Jack the Ripper's London" or with the block on which Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded in the Tower of London.

But the scene of great financial disasters have as yet passed unnoticed. The shift of millions from profit to loss has remained a secret of the account books and the financial pages of newspapers. A debt, however huge, is but a dash of red ink. However many

noughts can be added to the fraudster's takings, no tourists have come to ogle the books, no blue plaques have been erected, no brochures printed by the thousand.

The Outer Hebrides are changing that, and changing the ecology of tourism in a recession. Blue-rinse Americans will pour into Stornaway pleading for a sight of the many Madeods whose misfortune it was to preside over the BCCI fiasco. They will file silently into the room in which the awful cheques were signed. They will gasp at a sight of the council minutes. For a huge surcharge, they may even shake hands with the mayor whose terrible duty it was to call for resignations.

Where will this end? Dozens of venues in the City of London are clearly still virgin territory for similar exploitation. The recent selling of the contents of Robert Maxwell's flat in the Mirror building was a reckless squandering of precious assets to a future museum of corporate villainy. Coachloads of tourists could soon day-trip to the De Lorean car factory in Northern Ireland (perhaps enlivened by frequent showings of the FBI videos in which its inventor stars). A Museum of Wasted Effort would feature Blue Streak, TSR2 and British Rail's famous tilting train. School parties would watch working trade union leaders organising authentic picket lines, while civil servants would patiently explain subsidies that involve paying farmers to pull up their hedgerows and then paying them to put them back again. The Outer Hebrides is in the

vanguard of a lucrative trend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Force of law on unpaid bills?

From Mr Alistair Sampson

Sir, Many small firms are going to the wall rather more briskly than they otherwise might because of the cavalier and cynical way in which some individuals and firms fail to come up with payment when it is due, even overdue.

Unless otherwise specified at the time of sale, a vendor should be entitled to charge a purchaser interest at say 3 per cent over base rate on all bills outstanding for more than 60 days. Thus would cash-flow be improved nationwide and financial bullies brought to book.

Surely one could count on the support of the three main parties. No one could reasonably oppose a leg-islative measure which oils the wheels of commerce and protects the

Yours etc., LISTAIR SAMPSON, 103 Clifton Hill, NW8. February 3.

Business letters, page 19

West Bank water From Mr Burt Keimach

Sir, It is wrong to state (leading article, January 29) that Israel denies, water to Arab villagers on the West Bank. Israel has been operating a water-sharing scheme between the West Bank and territory inside the pre-1967 borders to the advantage of

Arab residents. In an average year about three million cubic metres are pumped from Israel to Arab users in the West Bank, while about half a million cubic metres are pumped back into Israel. In addition there are over 300 Arab wells operating in the West Bank, and only 17 Israeli-owned

Because of improvements in water-works in the whole of the West Bank, there are 3.500 cubic metres of water per hour available in the region. In 1967 domestic water use was 5.4 million cubic metres, or about five cubic metres per year per person. Today that figure is nearly 25 cubic

Ali of the 450 villages in the West Bank now have running water and sewerage, and irrigation for farms has been increased by 150 per cent since 1967.

The West Bank is a natural aquifer that must serve the entire population of the region. The recent heavy precipitation has allowed Israel to tump millions of cubic metres back into ground sources, thereby restocking supplies for everyone.

Yours faithfully, BURT KEIMÁCH Deputy Director), Britain/Israel Public Affairs Centre, 21-22 Great Sutton Street, EC1. January 29.

Origins of skiing

From Mr Leif Mills Sir, Mr John Dahl (letter, January 27) claims that a former world skiing mpion, Bjorland Blom, was one of the five members of Amundsen's

expedition to reach the South Pole in

Mr Blom was not one of the five people: they were Anumdsen, Bjaa-land, Hanssen, Hassel and Wisting. Neither was Mr Blom one of the three others (Prestrud, Stubberud, Johansen) who were on the expedition but explored the land to the west of the Bay of Whales. Nor was Mr Blom the cook (Lindstrom) who stayed in the but during the expeditions. Nor was Mr Blom the Norwegian on Scott's expedition he was Tryggve Gran.

Yours sincerely. LEIF MILLS. 31 Station Road. West Byfleet, Surrey.

1911. Not so.

Mantegna cartoons

From Lady Price

Sir, I am in total agreement with Sir Roy Strong's proposal (letter, January 29), in which he stresses the importance of the Mantegna cartoons being rehoused in a setting which is more appropriate to their magnificence than Wren's Orangery at Hampton Court Palace. Might not the right place be the

superb new Sainsbury wing of the National Gallery? Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY E. PRICE. 16 Laxford House, Cundy Street, SW1. January 31.

Absent fathers

From Mr Trevor Berry

Yours truly, TREVOR BERRY

BM Families.

January 28.

(National Chairman),

London WC1N 3XX.

Families Need Fathers.

should be challenged.

From Mr J. H. Arrowsmith-Brown Sir. Has Davina Lloyd ever contemplated the enormous pressure put on divorced fathers to lose touch with

Sir, Davina Lloyd's claim ("Where did Daddy go?", Life and Times, their children? January 28) that almost half the When my grandson was 18 fathers desert their children followmonths old, my son's wife decided on ing parental separation because divorce, with care and control to "these absentees simply found stayherself. Every person involved, judge, ing in touch too difficult and distresssocial worker, even my son's own lawyers, were unanimous that only I know of no significant research the mother could care for a small which analyses the reasons for the baby, believing the myth that Davina

undoubtedly high drop-out rate. Lloyd puis forward. My son left the court with few Given the adverse effect of parent rights in his son but that of housing loss on children this is an area in urgent need of responsible investigaand maintaining both child and mother. He received "defined access", and in the next two years was given a bitter lesson in how feeble was the law to enforce the access it

had ordered. Thanks largely to the devotion between father and child a second court case has produced for my son a

Drugs that can beat 'the black dog' most often an eminently treatable

ANDREW SIMS, President,

17 Beigrave Square, SW1.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists,

From the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Sir, Your readers hope that your leading articles will lead: both in giving information and in recom-mending how that knowledge should be used. Instead of this, your article "The slough of despond" (January 31) simply purveys conventional ignorance and thereby adds to the gloom surrounding the subject of

Yes, everyone does "suffer from the glooms", but certainly not everyone suffers from depressive illness. Yes, it can be postulated that feeling down may have spurred some few talented people to achieve even more. What, however, is beyond dispute is that depressive illness impairs the ability to work at all for a large number of

Depression is a major factor in the majority of the more than 4,000 suicides that occur in this country each year, it damages countless family relationships, sometimes per-manently, and causes the sufferer to feel miserable and worthless, losing all pleasure in life.

Rather than blur the issue, your leader-writer would have done better to describe the clear distinction between "understandable misery" and depressive illness. It is this latter that is the target of the Royal College of Psychiatrists "Defeat Depression" campaign, which you so admirably reported on the same day.

We hope to lessen the stigma attached to suffering from de-pression, increase its recognition both by doctors and sufferers themselves, and inform the public that it is

From Mrs Adrian Cowell

Yours faithfully

February 3.

Sir, Your leader created a very misleading impression. I can assure you, as someone who has been fighting "the black dog" for months, that the great achievements of Churchill and others would have been simply impossible had they been in the grips of the despair I have known.

The sort of depression for which I was prescribed drugs is a life-destroying force, leaving the sufferer with no interest in a world that has inexplicably become totally pointless. The achievement of anti-depressants is not that they offer bottled happiness, no "holy grail of eternal bliss", but just a return to the normality that one previously enjoyed, the strength to face the ups, downs - and indeed unhappiness - that must be expected of life.

The drugs redress an imbalance in the chemicals of the brain associated with depression, they do not raise happiness to an artificial level. Nobody who has not experienced it can possibly understand the sheer overwhelming joy of a return to unexciting normality.

reporting of the conflict, isolated and

had broadcast reports which com-

promised British action caused sur-

the time. We examined the accusa-

tions thoroughly and remained con-

Argentine commanders had no need to use BBC World Service

broadcasts as a source of informa-tion when this was being made freely

available to the world's media by official British sources. We could

hardly be expected to censor infor-

were certainly more cautious than

had been intense worldwide media

following the San Carlos landing,

spurred on by the political need in

Britain for news of military success.

Two British newspapers even re-

ported that Goose Green had been

captured two days before this hap-

pened - headlines that would have

been instantly available to inter-

national news agencies serving Latin

A central exchange may work on

the supply/producer side, but we

need safeguards to control and

regulate the demand/importer end

of the trade. This has not been done and it will take more time.

more spectacular successes in con-

servation endeavours were to be

negated because of greed and im-

patience. I believe that the elephant,

or "Nature's great masterpiece", will survive; but only if we, Nature's other

great masterpiece, use our intelli-

R. E. LEAKEY, Director,

Kenya Wildlife Service, PO Box 40241,

It would be a shame if one of the

Yours sincerely, DAVID WITHEROW

Bush House,

January 31.

gence wisely.

Nairobi, Kenya

January 29.

Yours etc.

(Deputy Managing Director). BBC World Service,

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some other sections of the media.

vinced that they were unjustified.

in great danger as they were.

Yours faithfully FIONA COWELL Hatfield Priory, Hatfield Peverel Nr Chelmsford, Essex. January 31.

Falklands in review

From Mr L. L. Grey

Sir, Tom Pocock (book review, Life and Times, January 30) says that One Hundred Days was "written by the officer whose orders resulted in [Lieutenant David Tinker's] death and that of some 250 of his fellowcountrymen: the victorious Task Force Commander, who is now Admiral Sir John Woodward".

This is emotive stuff which unfairly lays blame on a distinguished naval officer. The Task Force Commander was, in fact, Admiral Fieldhouse, the then Commander-in-Chief Fleet: and the deaths were caused, not by any military commander, but by the Argentinian invasion of the Falkland Islands.

If personal blame is to be accorded to anyone, the name is "Galtieri". I wonder if Tom Pocock attributes responsibility for the half million British world war two casualties to Churchill or to his distinguished military commanders? The idea is surely absurd but, even worse, it adds to the anguish of those entrusted with command.

Yours faithfully, LEE GREY, Two Bridges, River Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berkshire. January 31.

From Mr David Witherow Sir, It is not hard to understand how some of our forces in the Falklands

war must have felt about news

Elephant protection From the Director of the Kenya Wildlife Service

Sir. Whilst I would agree with the remark in your leader of January 29. 'An ivory white market", that the elephant enjoys better protection today, it is too early to assume that it

You mention that the demand for ivory in Europe and North America will never be the same and you are probably right. None the less, a little more time and your observation will be confirmed. The elephants need more time and I am recommending that the moratorium for ban) on the ivory trade be extended for at least another three years. Trade in other products such as hide is not the issue.

Milton Keynes lessons From Mr Harley Sherlock

Sir, Chris Barnett (letter, January 30) praises the "free-flowing traffic" at Milton Keynes. But this at first sight desirable state of affairs is made possible only by spreading a comparatively small number of people over a large area of land. I prefer the compact city, which takes up less land and (because journeys are shorter) involves less fuel consumption and therefore less pollution. Above all I see the close knit city in the European tradition as capable of providing the necessities and pleasures of life close at hand. Let us make sure that this potential is attained and our urban environment generally improved before squandering scarce resources on more scattered communities which will never solve the problems of South-East England. Yours faithfully,

HARLEY SHERLOCK.

13 Alwyne Place, N1. January 31.

less unsatisfactory result, but the article has led me to consider the present generation of fathers whom I know personally.

married or not, who does not take a very full share in the upbringing of his children; this no doubt is because I know no mother who does not welcome her partner's full participation. Would it not be better in these

I can think of no father, whether

matters to consider each case on its merits, instead of making up our minds in advance on the basis of case studies which are bound to be unrepresentative?

Yours truly, J. H. ARROWSMITH-BROWN. 22 Macaulay Buildings. Bath, Avon.

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Toms, Dicks and Daniels in Lords

From Professor Lord Beloff, FBA Sir. John Grigg's somewhat intemperate attack upon the present com-position of the House of Lords ("Accident of birth", January 30) cannot be taken seriously without more of an indication that he has thought through possible alter-natives and their consequences. All he tell us is that the members of a new Upper House should be "elect-

ed" or "nominated for life". In both cases, how big is the membership to be? In the case of an elected House, how does he propose to avoid conflict between two Houses each enjoying democratic legiti-macy? In the latter case, what incentives would he provide to see that its members were willing to give up the time and make the efforts needed to carry out the increasingly arduous business which now falls

upon a revising chamber?

Discussions of all institutions should begin from an examination of functions, and then see how the personnel can be chosen to carry them out. It is hard for members of the general public to know what the House of Lords does since the 'quality" press gives so little space to

its work. If John Grigg had not disclaimed his inherited title, I suspect he would know a great deal more about what goes on and might feel differently about his notions of reform.

Yours truly, House of Lords. January 30.

From Mr John M. Rose

Sir, John Grigg unwittingly puts his finger on the very reason why "accident of birth" should provide The suggestion, repeated in Admiral Sir John Woodward's new book, that the BBC World Service access to the House of Lords, and why I hope that young Daniel Moynihan will find his way there. It is the "nonsense factor" which Mr prise and distress at Bush House at Grigg so derides that provides the governor in the complicated clockwork of British legislative processes it is the guarantee of our particular

brand of democracy.

Members of the Commons cunnot be representative of a true crosssection of British society since they are a kind of elected elite. Even motivated by the best intentions, they are beholden to party lines, often mation officially approved, and we driven by ambition and, in any case, of a certain cast of mind to have put thermelves forward for election in the In the case of Goose Green, there first place. Were British democracy to be dependent upon this group of individuals alone it would be a poor thing indeed.

For centuries we have been saved from the tyranny of such antiseptic formulae by the existence of a legislative chamber to which accident of birth has enabled (and ennobled) entry by shrewd businessmen, idiots, natural politicians, landowners, lazy good-for-nothings, the unemployed, the very young, the antique and the occasional criminal; (among many others). If they bother to attend the Lords, it shows they

care, personally. Here's to the accession of young Daniel Moynihan, whatever his orlgins, and let us pray that a public school education will not make him too much of an "English gentleman" to speak his mind and offer fresh lights on the issues of his day.

Yours truly, JOHN M. ROSE, The Old School. Dunwich, Suffolk. January 30.

From Mr H. B. Brooks-Baker

Sir. I have seen nothing in recent press comment about the "new Lord Moynihan" to explain the fact that the House of Lords will need to see a Moynihan divorce certificate with the "fourth wife", the mother of Andrew, the marriage certificate with Moynihan's "fifth wife" and the birth certificate of Daniel, the son from the "fifth marriage". We are told that these papers exist.

but so far as I am aware no newspaper or public body has yet viewed them. The House of Lords may be a

nonsensical institution, as John Grigg claims, because it has hereditary peers as legislators. However, the Upper House, which is composed of people from all walks of life, is arguably the most successful Upper House in the Western world - a house composed of former Labour leaders, ex-politicians, dentists. draftsmen, artists as well as the traditional landowner.

Yours faithfully H. B. BROOKS-BAKER (Publishing Director). Burke's Peerage, 12 Rickett Street, SW6. January 31.

Persecution, please

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir, Advocates for the decade of evangelism might ponder that in the United Kingdom, where over the years the established church has been given every encouragement to prosper, the number of believers has steeply declined. However, in China and the Soviet Union, where Christianity has been outlawed, it has flourished. May I suggest that British evangelists learn from a winning formula and press for a decade of persecution?

Yours faithfully, TOM BENYON, The Old Rectory,

Adstock, Buckinghamshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM February 4: Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 4: The Prince Edward, Chairman. The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended the Faraday Lecture followed by a Dinner in support of the Award at the Barbican Centre, London

Mrs Richard Warburton was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 4: The Princess Royal. Member of the International Olympic Committee and President of the British Olympic Association, departed from Royal Air Force Kernble this morning to arrend the 98th Session of the International Olympic Com-mittee and the XVI Olympic Winter Games in Albertville,

The Hon Mrs Louloudis was in

CLARENCE HOUSE February 4: The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Presson as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Eliza-beth the Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 4: The Prince of Wales departed from Royal Air Force Kemble this morning for a visit to Davis, Switterland.
Mr Peter Westmacott and Mr

Richard Arbiter were in

The Princess of Wales today visited Myton Hospice, Warwick, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (Captain the Viscount Daventry).

Her Royal Highness opened the Tourist Information Centre and visited Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Princess of Wales later visited Malt Mill Lane, Alcester. and opened Phase Nine of the sheltered housing scheme for the

Finally Her Royal Highness opened the Day Unit for the elderly at Ellen Badger Hospital, m-on-Stour. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 4: The Duke of Kern, Honorary Fellow, this evening amended the Institution of Electrical Engineers Faraday Lecture

at the Barbican Hall, London EC2. Commander Roger Waiker was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir Simon Cooper, 56; Mr Ian Findlay, former chairman, Lloyd's, 74; Lord Gibson, 76; Mrs Molly Hattersley, educationist, 61; Miss Susan Hill, equicanonist, 01; Miss Susan Hill, novelist and playwright, 50; Professor Sir Alan Hodgkin, OM, former masser, Trinity College, Cambridge, 78; the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, 47; General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, 62; Mr Denis Kennedy, chairman, Honeywell, 57; Wing Commander R.A.B. 57; Wing Commander R.A.B. Learoyd, VC, 79; Prebendary, Dewi Morgan, 76; Mr Justice Morritt, 54; Mr Frank Muir, writer and broadcaster, 72; Professor A.M. Neville, former principal and vice-chancellor, Dundee University, 69: Miss Charlotte Rampling, actress, 46; Canon Colin Semper, former Provost of Coventry, 54; Sir Michael Simpson-Orlebar, diplomat. 60; Sir Rodney Sweemam. orthopaedic surgeon, 65: Sir Les-lie Young, former chairman, Brit-ish Waterways Board, 67.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as President of the General Council and Register of Osteopaths, will astend a reception at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain at 6.45. The Duke of Kent, as President of the AA, will attend a comminee meeting at Famum House, Basingstoke, at 10.10.

Touche Ross **Defence Dinner**

General Sir Peter de la Billière, KCB, KBE, ISI, NC, was the guest speaker at a defence dinner organised by Touche Ross Management Consultants on January 30, 1992, at Claridge's hotel. Mr Michael Braithwaite, partner, Touche Ross Manage-ment Consultants was host. Se-nior members from the MOD and the defence industry



Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, dons a fixeman's helmet to help to illustrate a point during a visit to William Ford school in Dagenham, east London. Dr Carey was born in the borough

Service dinners

HMS Victory General John Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night aboard HMS Victory, Portsmouth. Admiral Sir John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, was host. The other guests included:

Vice-Admiral the Hon Sir Nichnits Hill-Norton, Air Marthal Sir John Waller, Rear-Admiral J. Shiftner, Captala F Baszer, USN. Captala F Hackert, RM, Captain S Taylor, 18M, Colonel W Malvey, US Arny, Lientenam-Colonel R Auli, The King's Own Scottish Bou-deress, and Major R de Brandt, Belgian Nort.

Royal Navy Clab of 1765 and 1785

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, was the principal guest at a dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held last night at the Naval and Military Club for members of the Admiralty Board and to mark Founders Day

Appointments

Mr Martin Zimmels to be a joint District Judge for the Lambeth group of county courts. Mr David Penry-Davey, QC, has been elected Leader of the 50mh Eastern Circuit Bar Mess.

(February 4). Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt presided.

Royal Manhan The January 1946 Batch of the Royal Marines held a reunion dinner at the Carlton Club last night. Major-General) P.L. spurgeon was in the Chair. There were also possent Mr P.H. Golsworthy, Professor W.M. Hattersley, Mr.A.J. Jackson, Major J.E.J. Lloyd, Major N.S.E. Martin, Mr R.G.C. Noel and Mr. LH. Sprocer. One acquait temper

J.H. Spencer. One equal temper of heroic hearts Service luncheon

Lieutenant-Colonel M.E. Hart-Cook, Commanding Officer of the Royal Marines Reserve (City of London) was host at a luncheou held yesterday at the Officers' Mess, Bermondsey, Major-General Mile. Mauthews was the principal states. principal guest.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Robert Peel, prime minister 1834-35, 1841-45, 1845-46, Bury, Lanes, 1788; Dwight Moody, evangelist, Northfield, Massachusetts, 1837; DEATHS: Emeric Pressburger.

Territorial Army promotions

The Ministry of Defence an-nounced the following Territorial Army promotions effected be-tween 1 October 1991 and 31 December 1991.

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G F Thornburg CBL, F G Strong RANC,
G F TOUTHER RANC, G F TERRIBORY

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Charles House was held

yesterday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. The Rev John Robson officiated. Mr Antony Chancellor rend from the works of

William Penn and Mr James Williams read from The Prophet by Kahill Gibran. Mr Bernard

Kelly gave an address. Among others present were.

Others present were.
The Hon Mrs Charles House (widow),
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(mother-to-law), the Hon John and Mrs
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Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.A. Chinchase

and Miss J.M. Bruce Jones The engagement is announced between Graham Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.O. Chipchase, of Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, and Juliet Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. Bruce Jones. of

Mr A.J. Coode and Miss E. Aldridge The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Coode, Paddock House, Farleigh Wick, Wittshire, and Liz. daughter of Mr. Richard Aldridge, of Mr Richard Aldridge of Kingsbridge, and Mrs Diane Aldridge, of Budleigh Salterton,

Mr P.A.J. Jackson and Miss C.F.J. Palmer The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Dr and Mrs John Jackson, of Blandford Forum, Dorset, and Caroline Frances Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Palmer, of Narborough, Leicestershire,

Captain C.F. Lambert and Miss F.E. Clark The engagement is announced between Charles Lambert, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, youngest son of Major and Mrs O.F. Lambert, of Owslebury, Hampshire, and Frances, only daughter of Mr R.E. Clark and the late Mrs R.E. Clark, of Great

Mr G.K.P. Marshall and Miss R.J. Dow The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Sir Peter Marshall, of Holland Park, and

the late Mrs Marshall, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C.R. Dow. of Clapham. Mr B.H.A. Morris and Miss S.M.S. Gordon The engagement is announced between Blasse Hugo Archdale, son of the late Mr Hubert Morris and of Mrs Hubert Morris, of

Waiton House, Tadworth, Surrey, and Mrs Derek McCulloch, of Hindhead, Surrey Mr S.J.P. Rav and Miss R.C.M. Murray The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Ray, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire, and Romy,

North Leys. Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Susanna

Mary Somerville, youngest daughter of Mr David Gordon, of

daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Oldfield Murray, of Finchley. Captain D.N. Young and Miss F.J. Lockhart The engagement is announced between David Norton Young, the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, son of Mr and Mrs P.N. Young, of Frodsham, Cheshire, and Fiona Jane, daughter of Major and Mrs C.A.R. Lockhart, of Whitchurch,

Calls to the Bar

The following have been called to the Bar in Hilary term:

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Dinner

Royal Pharmacentical Society of Great Britain Mr David Coleman, President of the Royal Pharmaceurical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at I Lambeth High Street. Sir Christopher France, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, also spoke. Among others present

The Migh Commissioner for New Zealand and Mr Gair, Lord Auckland, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, Sir Berney Reynoe, MP, Sir John Copp. MP, Sir Alson Greengross, Alderman Sir Alexander Greiken. Sir John Hannam, MP, Mr Brian Bridges, Dr Jeremy Lee-Potier, Dr Jank Michael Purt, Mr T Chilingridge, Mr Thomas Bond, Mr Lan Hunter, Mr Islin McNell, Mr Millip T Ely, Dr Ken Taylor, Prelissor & Permitter, Princips Gramme, Onsies, Mr John Hayes, Dr Ed Miller, Dr D J Anderson, Mr Rohald W Geer. Mr Nick Ross, Mr Martin Inser. Brigadiar Michael Pord, Mrs Sara Remyon, Mr John Castle and orler Members of Parliament.

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BEVAN - On February 3rd. to Richard and Lesley (Burvill-Holmes) a son. Nicholas David. brother for Gaelen, CAMBUTHERS - On January 24th, 1992, to Catherine (née Graham-Bryce) and Keith, a daughter. Rapheelle Rose, a

Palience, a : Oluwadamilola Ayoola. SHOUR - On January 31st at Lalla, a daughter. Afaf. STOKER On January 30th, to Juliel and Alistair. - a daughter, isabel, a sivier for Zoe and Rosanna.

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DEATHS ABEL - On February 3rd 1992 Storen Alexander aged 77: Husband of the late Judith and dearty loved Derosto) of Crustirook. Derbystire, pecefully aged of Felix and Beatrix and friend to Attay Reich. Domations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation. ARGYLE - On Jenuary 31st. by tragic and untimely accident. Servantha sped 19 of Perth, Western Australia. Beloved daughter of Rory

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RIDGEMAN - On January

31st 1992, at the age of 97,

John Wilfred Bridgeman

Cast. D Litt, MA. BSc.,

beloved husband of Helen

and father of Michael, and

former Principal of

Loughborough College of

Education. Fureral at Kent &

Sussex Crematorium,

Tumbridge Wells at 3 pm on

Monday February 10th.

Family flowers only

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BROOKE JOHNSON . On POLICIAN — On James Polician of her synthesis on the eve of her 97th birthday, Widow of Henry, between nother of the late Ralph and of St. John. Much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at St. Peters Church, Petersham at 2pm on Tuesday February 11th followed by private cremation. No flowers. All enquiries to Senders 08: 789

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WIRRILL - On Petruary 3rd.
paacefully. The Reverend
Arthur Lewis, much toved
priest and husband of
Patricia and toving father
and father-in-law of Philippa,
John and Suzan, Angela and
Richard and Michael.
Grandfather of George.
Andrew and Marquerile
Burrell and Christopher.
Patrick and Anthony Lamb.
Funeral Service on
Wednesday February 12th at
2.30 pm at Kingsey Church,
followed by Interment at
Aston Sandford Church.
Family flowers only. All
enquiries to F.J. Wilson.
Greenway. Haddenham.
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CARSWELL - On February Aylesbury. Bucks.

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4th. at the Hospice of the
Good Shepherd. Chester.

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Mary. aged 66 years. Widow

of John Michael Carswell.

mother of Lynette and

grandmother of Joscelyn.

Katle and Eleanor. Funeral

Service at St Peter's Church.

Waverton. on Saturday Feb
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COURTENAY On Monday
February 3rd, peacefully
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Litterant Catonal D.P.D.

(Tim) Courtenay O.B.E.
Royal Tank Regiment.
Beloved husband of the late
Sue, and father of Timothy
and Peter. Funeral at
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Family flowers only.
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Nynehead Court, Wellington,
Somerset, who cared, loved
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over his last 4 years.

CUTHELL On February 3rd.

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CUTHILL On February 3rd.
1992 at home, in Cuilden
Sulton. Chester after a
courageous fight. Faith
Stelyn, darring wife of Dr.
Ian Cuthill, loving and dearly
loved mother of Flona. Nell
and Alazhir and a devoted
grandmother. Service at
United Reformed Church,
Hoole Road, Chester at
1,15pm on Monday 10th
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Village Nursing home. Creat
Barrow. Chester

Destroyaline, peacefully aged 65. Beloved wife of Maurice Eaden. C.B.E., H.M. Dipiomatic Service tretired) and mother of John, William and James. Funeral at Cresbrook Church. Saturday, February Sth at 2mm. Family flowers only-donations if desired to Weston Park Hospital. Cancer Research Fund. Shedleid. \$10.28J.

EPPS - On February 2nd. EPPS On February 2nd, suddeniy, Richard Henry, of St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat, aged 84, beloved husband of Livia, son of Doris, brother of John, faither of Mark, Nicola. David, Guy: Françoise and Marie-Louise: son-in-law of Alexander George and Marie-Louise: son-in-law of Alexander George and Sandre Bartolozzi. Luigi Costa; nicola and neabelix Bartolozzi. Luigi Costa; nicola and neabews. The Funeral will take place at 1500 hrs on Friday, February 7th, at the Church of St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat. Flowers or doubloos to The Parkinson's Disease Society appreciated.

POSTER - On February 4th 1992, peacefully at home. Gioria, aged 47, beloved wife of Jim. mother of Natasha and Carrellia and daughter of Yvonne, Funeral Service at St. Francis, South Ascot. 11am Saturday February 8th. Flowers to Cyrll H Lovegrove. 29 High Street, Sumitinghill tel: 0344 22114, FURTADO - On Friday January 31st 1992, pescefully in hospital, Marcelle, dearly loved wife of Robert, mother of Teresa and Buler and exactmother of Robert, mother of Terms and Pater and grandmother of Tamzin, Robyn and Joanna. Funeral Service. Weymouth Cermstorium, on Tuesday Fabruary 11th, at 12 Boan, Family flowers only. but if desired, donations please to Weymouth and Portland Sitting Service. Westhaven Hossitial. Weymouth. Enquiries to J W Rose & Sons. COS TESSEE.

GRANT - On February 2nd 1992, Joan Honore, of Brae Coffage, Grenurquhart, Invertiess, pencérálly and well cared for al Alkinson Montesia. Went carred with of Hospital, Winthester, Springer with of Peter and Mum of Peg and Emile, Name of James, Peter and David: Jessica and Louisa. We shall all miss fer kindly and loving nature.

GURDHAM On February
2nd 1992, peacefully at
Waterhouse Residential
Home, Dr. Arthur
Guirdham, formerty of Bath,
Funeral service at Haycombe
Centetery Chapet, Bath on
Monday, February 10th at
2pm, Flowers to C.S. Bowyer
Lintited, 5 Church Street
Brostand on Aven.

HOLLAND - On Monday January 27th, suddenly whilst on holiday abroad, Eddle, the most dearly loved Eddle, the most dearly loved and devoted husband of Edna. Cherished and loving faither and grandfather of Elizabeth. Lucie and Kate. and dear father-in-law of Tony. A good friend to many. Funeral Service at the Church of St Edward. King and Martyr. Corfe Casile. at 2.15pm on Monday February 10th. Family Flowers only. but docusions in his memory may be sent to the Corfe Casile Church Bell Appeal. c/o James Smith Funeral Directors. 60A Kings Read. Swanage. Dorset. 18: (19529) 422445.

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MARTHIBON - On January 31st 1992, in heaptile. Not last Eisnar aged 80 years, of Sweden. Dearly loved husband of Nina, much loved latter of Yvoune and Massasina, militaryin-law of John, Mortar of Church. Didsbury. Nandesir, on Friday Fabrasy 7th at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only, densitions if desired to British Heart Poundation. All enquiries to Wm. Peacock Funeral Directors, isk Ost-448 3397.

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Maria, dearly loved wife of

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Burnham Thorpe Church on

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Funeral Directors, Wells.

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O'HARA - On February 1st

BUCKNER - A Service of Trankspiving for the Bre and work of the Rev'd Richard Pentiand Buckner will be held in the Great Hall of Merchant Taylors' School on Sunday March 18th at 5 pm. Past pupits and friends are nost welcome.

BATTIT - A memorial merico for Cyril Sweek. CEng. AlSaructe. FRICS. FCLArb will be held at St Lawrence Jowys-Next-Guikhall, in the City of London on Thursday February 20th at 11am.

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O'HARA - On February 1st
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Dr. John O'Hara. of
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Rottingdean. on Friday
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hospital. Ruth Mary
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Sunan. Jili. Frances and
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Queen of the Apostles Roman
Catholic Church. Cheddar on
Thursday. 6th February at
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George Williams Futneral
Director. Penn Farm.
Redcliffe Street. Cheddar.
Somerset. Tei: 0934 742968.
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Funeral at The West
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Norwood Road. London.
SE27 on Monday 10th
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London. SE27 9AA.

ROGERS On Sunday
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FRANCIS TIBBALDS

Francis Eric Tibbalds, architect, planner and urban designer, former chief architect planner for Milton Keynes, founding chairman of the Urban Design Group 1979-1986, president of the Royal Town Planning Institute 1988, and chairman of Tibbalds

Colbourne Karski Williams Monro died of cancer on January 26 aged 50. He was born on October 16, 1941.

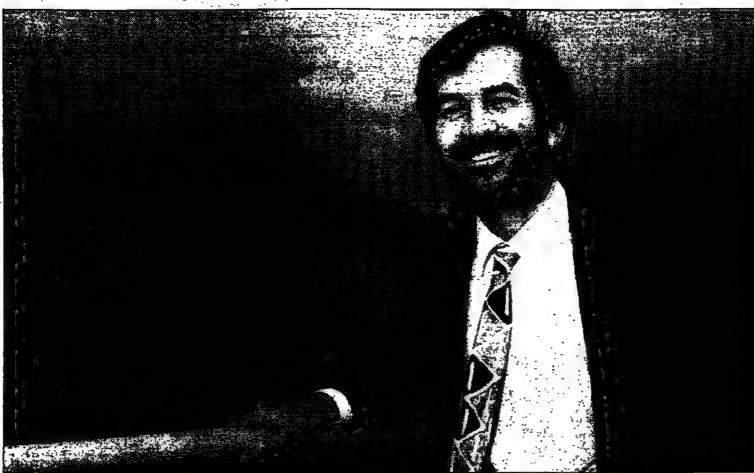
DESPITE his early death. Francis Tibbalds had already led a remarkably varied and influential career. He combined the professions of architect and planner with the championing of the new discipline of urban design as the means of assessing and responding to the views of local communities on their environment. He was aided in this by exceptional talents and fluency as a draftsman and a willingness to speak his mind freely and forcibly in

Tibbalds was educated at Farnham Grammar School and qualified in architecture at the Regent Street Polytechnic where he gained a distinction. He then qualified as a town planner at University College, London, where he met his future wife, Janet McDonald.

His subsequent career spanned public and private practice in a remarkable way. He worked in several architectural offices and then in the planning department at Guildford before being appointed chief architect planner for the Milton Keynes plan. Subsequently he became principal architect planner at the City of Westminster and then deputy planning officer at Lambeth until 1974.

In 1975 he became director of planning at Liewelyn Davies Weeks. where the overseas commissions inciuded the master plan for the centre of Tehran. He then founded his own architecture and planning practice

in 1978 with four colleagues.
The next year saw the launch of the venture closest to his heart, the



Urban Design Group as a forum for a discussion of a wide range of hothy debated urban problems. He had recently been exploring, with a developer client, the possibility of establishing a national centre for urban design in Westminster.

As president of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 1988 he brought major issues forcefully into the arena of public debate, his cogent pronouncements containing much more sense than those of presidents of the sister institute, the RIBA. He subsequently sat on English Heritage's London advisory committee, was senior vice president of the European Council of Town Planners and a visiting professor at the Bartlett School of Architecture

and Planning.
Tibbalds will be remembered less for his architectural work, which included one of Croydon's little loved office towers, than for his numerous local plans. The emphasis here was strongly visual: almost everyone in his office could draw. He would analyse closely the quality of the existing environment, highlighting the good elements, and showing the opportunities for new

Irgun, the militant Jewish

independence movement

in British mandated Pales

tine, has died in Israel

aged 72. He was born

Yerucham Bzozowitch in

Gerodna, Poland, in 1919.

ON THE night of April 2,

1944, a few dozen Jewish

insurgents sabotaged railway

stations and bridges along 25

miles of line in Palestine.

They belonged to the Irgun

group, headed by Menachem

Begin, which had begun a

campaign of violence against

the British administration in

Palestine at the beginning of

On their retreat, after ac-

complishing their mission

and losing two of their men in

cross-fire incidents with the

army, the insurgents found themselves encircled by Brit-

ish soldiers of the 6th Air-

borne Division on the dunes

of the Mediterranean coast.

They had no alternative but

to raise their hands. The Brit-

ish were not immediately

aware that among the cap-tured men was Eitan Livni,

the commander of the opera-

tion who had been on the

British wanted list for several

months. He was a member of

the irgun high command

and Begin's righthand man.

clandestine Jewish move-

ment, which was more offen-

sive in character than the

Hagana, the mainstream un-

derground Jewish group

which --- as its Hebrew name

declares - was more defen-

sive. Livni together with 31

others, was tried in Jerusalem

by a military court on June

27. 1944, and sentenced to

His imprisonment was one

of the reasons for the irgun's

decision to launch its most

militarily spectacular anti-

British operation: the attack

15 years.

His arrest was a blow to the

that year.

development without prescribing individual solutions in advance (a method which underlay the monotony and anonymity of many previous post-war developments). He took a strong interest in outdoor spaces, in their size, services and the degree of enclosure. He will be remembered especially for his contribution to the recent revival of the city centre in Birmingham and the scheme for

Hackney town centre. In recent years he was involved in the major proposals for Hammersmith Broadway, Wimbledon town centre and King's Cross. Laterly he

has been involved in proposals for Princes' Dock in Liverpool and Spitalfields in London. Among overseas projects he took particular pride in the planning work he did for Melbourne, in which he sought to show how the qualities of the turn of the century plan could be upheld and helped to hold in check the enormous commercial pressures on

the city.
Tibbalds died at home after a long illness though he remained energet ic and vigorous until the end. He leaves his widow, Janet, and two sons Adam and Benedict.

Dom Gregory

APPRECIATIONS

Murray

THE death of Dom Gregory Murray (obituary, January 30) has deprived the Catholic musical world of a unique genius and a remarkable, complex man. His formidable musical gifts allied to a monastic vocation never coexisted comfortably; for him, his talent was irksome and he never fully enjoyed the fruits of his musical labours. Performing was more a duty than a pleasure and one sensed that he failed to resolve the monastic and musical conflict that raged within him throughout his life.

But it is a great loss that none of the many live recitals he broadcast on the BBC from Downside Abbey in the 1930s has been recorded. He encompassed a wide reper-toire but his real affinity lay with the late Romantics and in particular with Elgar and Delius. He was especially proud of a work he wrote for string orchestra entitled "Homage to Delius". Fortunately a recording of this does exist and is in the BBC and Downside archives.

Compositionally he will be chiefly remembered for his many Organ Interludes writ-

ten mainly for the organist of more humble ability. They provide the kind of music, so essential in liturgical functions, to fill those awkward silences caused by the late arrival of clerics, extended communions and mistimed processions. It was in this



field of improvisation that he was so prodigiously gifted. Only a few weeks before his death he twinkled at me as he improvised on a theme from Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto while the cowled monks solemnly processed to their choir stalls.

Philip Fowke

John Sparrow

AS A Cambridge graduate in mechanical sciences whose name had been put forward by the Foreign Office I was one of the first group of visiting fellows accepted in 1966 by All Souls, and serving, as I was at the time in Peking, 1 wondered what the College would think.

On arrival I met John Sparrow (obituary, January 25) for the first time knowing that he had seen the scheme for visiting fellows as one of the least acceptable ways of meeting the criticisms of the Franks report. He could not have been more charming or more

Carleton Shugg, who

played a leading role in

building the first nuclear-

powered submarines, died

on January 23 in Mystic, Connecticut, aged 92. He was born in 1899.

BRITAIN's current nuclear

deterrent was partly the work

Caneton Snugg. As presi

dent of the General Dynamic

Corporation's Electric Boat

division in the late 1950s he

was responsible for the Polar-

is programme's first subma-

rines, the George Washing-

His initial work on subma-

rines was, however, more hu-

manitarian than lethal.

Studying means of salvage

and rescue for stranded un-

derwater crews, he helped to

invent the diving bell which

proved invaluable when the

submarine Squalus sank in

His first contact with atom-

1939.

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ton and the Patrick Henry.

welcoming to a disparate bunch from all over the world, most, but not all, academics, but some like myself with qualifications utterly foreign to All Souls.

My wife will never forget his kindness when, persuaded no doubt unwillingly that their ladies should be shown some hospitality, she found herself scated at his right hand at a ladies night. The first bottle of claret was pronounced as corked, and, she assumed, consigned forthwith to the Wartien's lodgings. The second was, of course, admirable.

But no one could have been kinder to us all.

ic energy came with a brief

post-war stint as general manager of the Hanford plu-

tonium works, and in 1948

he was put in charge of reac-

tor development for the

Atomic Energy Commission.

In that role he was responsi-

ble for assigning Hyman G.

Rickover, then a captain and

later to become known as the

father of the nuclear subma-

rine, to take charge of a new

Navy project on nuclear pro-

When he joined Electric Boat in 1951, first as general

manager and then as presi-

dent. Shugg worked with

Rickover on the development

of the Nautilus, the first

nuclear submarine, and on its

more sophisticated succes-

sors. He retired in 1965.

Carleton Shugg's first mar-

riage ended in divorce, and

his second wife died in 1967.

He is survived by two daugh-

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ters and one son.

ON THIS DAY

pulsion.

CARLETON SHUGG

Sir Michael Wilford

DOM GEORGE **TEMPLE**

Dom George Temple, CBE, FRS, Sedleian Professor of Natural Philosophy, Ox-ford University, 1953-68, and honorary fellow of The Queen's College, Oxford, died on January 30 aged 90. He was born on September 2, 1901,

ONE of Britain's leading applied mathematicians, George Temple became a monk in 1980 after the death of his wife and joined the Benedictine community of Quart Abbey, near Ryde, Isle of Wight. While he spent his academic career at the frontiers of knowledge in his subject, delving into relativity or the quantum theory, he had another side to his intellect he quietly pursued the interest in theology that had occupied him all his adult life. For him the physical world that he explored was not inconsistent with the beliefs that he devoutly held. He had a straightforward, intelligent but simple faith which accommodated his inquiring mind: there was no tension between the two regions of his thought. As a monk he continued his theological studies while remaining active in the mathematics which took him to The Queen's College for a week or ien days once a year.

Temple was educated at Ealing County School and Birkbeck College, London. He took his PhD at London in 1924 and had junior staff posts at Birkbeck and the City and Guilds College. In 1928 he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, for further studies before returning to Imperial College as assistant professor of mathematics. In 1932 he became professor of mathematics at King's College, London, where he stayed for 21 years, apart from a period during the second world war when he was seconded to the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnbor-

ough.

There he rapidly showed that he was capable of finding practical solutions to problems that were more than theoretical. Confronted by wheel wobble on American Douglas aircraft he drew on the experience gained at Brooklands motor-racing track and after investigation found the solution. He also helped speed up the then primitive calculating machines and tackled the danger of aircraft icing up.

In 1955 he was appointed CBE. After the war, as dean of the faculty of science, he was a tower of strength to the principal and college administration.

Temple was one of the earliest British mathematicians to understand the quantum theory. His first book, written in 1931, set out to explain it to his fellow mathematicians. Subsequently his interests widened. He moved into the realm of aerodynamics and fluid flow and served as chairman of the Aeronautical Research Council from 1961 to

1964; he grew interested in the theory of vibrations and in the theory of distributions. In his ease of movement between pure and applied mathematics he was in the best tradition of British applied mathematicians. It was entirely fitting, therefore, that his Oxford chair should be a chair of natural philosophy. should write their theses sometimes in pure mathematics and sometimes in

Elected FRS in 1943 he was at various times president of the London Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association and the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. In Oxford his urbane figure soon became well known. He had spells on the Hebdomadal Council and the general board of the university, and was first chairman of the mathematics faculty when this was established in 1963. His long association, as external examiner, with the Irish universities was recognised by an honorary DSc from the National University of Ireland in 1962. He also received an honorary degree from the University of West-

em Ontario. In 1930 Temple married Dorothy Lydia Carson of Liverpool and their home life was a singularly happy one. He played an active part in the Newman Society, and



was active on many other committees. For some time he was on the council of Oxfam. His range of interests was wide. Typically he picked on interesting problems before they became fashionable. wrote a few papers full of insight and then moved on to some other topic. His classical knowledge and historical sense led him to devote himself in his later years to the history of mathematics, and on retiring from the Sedleian Chair he embarked on an ambitious project resulting in publication in 1981 of 100

Years of Mathematics. Temple was a man of delightful courtesy and charm, though capable of trenchant comments. He was disciplined in his monastic observance and in his use of time, wasting none of it. For relaxation he read widely including Dickens, C. P. Snow and

EITAN LIVNI Eitan Livni, a leader of the



on May 4, 1946, on the crusader fortress at Acre. The fortness, which was being used as a prison by the British, had successfully withstood a siege by Napoleon's forces in 1799 when it was in Ottoman hands and had been captured by Allenby in

The Irgun assault on the fortress was a finely coordinated operation involving action both inside and outside the prison, explosives having been smuggled in beforehand. Livni masterminded the operation inside and the escapees included 30 lrgun men, 11 members of the Stern group — an extremist breakaway group from the Irgun — and many more Arab prisoners. Away from the fortress however they encountered a group of passing British soldiers and in the

battle that ensued nine Irgun men were killed. Livni then resumed his

leadership role in Irgun, in spite of being hunted by the British, and in August 1947 was dispatched by Begin to organise Irgun's military activities against British targets in Europe. He returned nine months later on May 15, 1948, the day the British withdrew from Palestine and modern Israel was declared.

In the war that then began with the Arab forces Levni led the first Irgun battalion into the newly-formed Israel Defence Forces and was a commander in one of the fiercest battles against the Arabs in the Sharon district east of Tel Avív. Following independence

Livni became chairman of the Irgun veterans organisation but in the 1970s, as a result of

MAIN LUSTEN .

Eitan Livni, as a member of the Israeli Knesset, and as he appeared, under an alias, on a wanted poster in British-mandated Palestine.

pressure from Begin who was by this time the leader of the parliamentary opposition, he was elected a member of the Israeli Knesset. He remained there for three terms and helped to bring about the rightwing Likud coalition which gained power in 1977.

Livni, renowned for his integrity and humbleness, was not very much at home as a politician however. He regarded his years during the anti-British armed revolt in the 1940s as the most important period of his life and kept his underground name Eitan. In his autobiography. published in 1987, he retused to write about his life after it.C independence of Israel declaring: "Nothing which ! have done afterwards could have been compared to the days of the rebellion which I and my friends have experienced in battle and prison."

He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and three children.

Buried in what can best be described as a chapter of

accidents is one piece of hard news relating to the war against Napoleon

> FROM THE **JAMAICA** PAPERS.

hetween Lieut. H. of the Royal Artillery, and Lieut. S. of the Second West India Regiment of Foot, when, on an exchange of shots, the former was severely wounded in the breast.
The following vessels, captured and detained by La Pique frigate, arrived on Monday, viz. the Spanish brig El Cabarito, in ballast, cut out of Porto Rico by her boats; the French felucca, La Surprise, of one gun and seven men (19 off the same island; a French sloop, with logwood, captured off San Domingo. The Resistance frigate, of 32 guns. Captain Adam, arrived at Port-

4th Ult. with despatches for the Governor and Admiral. We understand that the Resistance has brought accounts of a powerful force being about to be sent out to the West Indies, intended to take possession of some part of the Spanish dominions, which his Catholic Majesty has determined to deliver over to Great Britain to protect it from the rapacious grasp of the Cor-sican Usurper.

Royal the same afternoon. She sailed from Plymouth on the

December 13 Arrived the Mary on the 30th ult, at 5 PM, near Ceyenne, she descried two strange sail standing towards her, from which she endeauoured to escape, taking them to be French cruizers. At 10 PM

they came up with her, when she sustained a running action

with them till daylight next

morning, when, having her Boatswain killed, her Captain and several men wounded, her main-mast and bowsprit seri-ously damaged, six or eight shot between wind and water, her sails and rigging much shattered, and after using every exertion against her supposed enemies, with no great reluc-tance Capt. CROW was compelled to strike; but to his great satisfaction, the two vessels proved to be His Majesty's ships, Dart of 30 and Wolver-

Captain CROW every assistance in their power. On the 8th inst. the Mary spoke the Drake sloop of war, all well.

A race was run on Thursday last, on the Parade at St Ann's, between Captain M-'s bay mare and Mr C-w's chestnut poney, which afforded very little sport to the amateurs of the turf, but was attended with many serious accidents, and one most lamentable catastrophe. On starting, the mare proved restive, but the poney went off in good style, and would have distanced the other before she took the course, had not a negro boy imprudently crossed immediately before the poney, by which the rider, a Gentleman named MAIREN, was thrown, and the negro had his knee luxated; by which the mare had the opportunity of coming up, although it still proved a dead-hear in favour of the poney. The fall of Mr MAIREN being perceived by his father, (a respectable man in the Naval Storekeeper's department) he with many others, set off in full gallop to his assistance; but in a moment, a Gentleman coming in contact with him, he was precipitated to the ground, and the horse on him, bearing his whole pressure on his chest, which instantly deprived him of speech, and, notwithstanding medical aid was immediately afforded, after lingering totally insensible for three hours, expired without a groan. leaving a widow and eight

ALEC GRANT

Alec Grant, a Master of the Queen's Bench Division of the Supreme Court, has died aged 59. He was born on July 27, 1932.

ALTHOUGH originally destined for a career in the catering trade. Alec Grant became a Harmsworth law scholar. president of the Oxford Union and a barrister with a very substantial practice before being appointed a Queen's Bench Master in

He was born into a family much involved in local polirics. His father had been mayor of Finchley. Alec Grant's interest in politics and his moderate socialist leaning remained with him all his life

Educated at Highgate School. Grant was commissioned in the Royal Anillery in 1951 during national service. He went to Merton College, Oxford, and took an active part in the life of the Union of which he was a popular member. He was

elected president in 1956. Having abandoned thoughts of a career in catering for one more suited to his talents. Grant was called to the Bar in 1958. He soon acquired a substantial practice including a proportion of defamation work. At an early stage he began libel reading for The Observer where he found the atmosphere of a newspaper office much to his liking. Long after the time when he might have been expected to have given up this work he stayed on because he enjoyed it.

Journalists subject to his questions sometimes enjoyed it less. While his knowledge of the law of defamation frequently enabled him to save a story by the suggestion of minor, but judicious, alterations, he was also liable to suggest changes not because a story was defamatory but because he simply refused to

believe it. Thus, presented with an

had taken a lion into a meeting of a local authority to protest at the inadequate grant being provided. Grant demurred. It was defamatory to suggest any responsible keeper would do anything so dangerous, he said. Not until the journalist had got the keeper to repeat the entire story on the telephone to Grant did he allow it to appear. Even then he got the last laugh, discovering in the course of the conversation that the keeper's name had been wrongly spelled.

Although standing once, unsuccessfully, in a parliamentary election - for Labour in Hendon South in 1964 - he focused his attention on local politics. He served on Middlesex county council, from 1961 to 1965 and on the GLC, from 1964 to 1967 and again from 1970 to 1973.

His particular interest was in the advancement of higher education. He served on the Court of Governors of the account of a zoo-keeper who

Thames Polytechnic from 1972 until his death and as its chairman from 1982 to 1985. He also served on the governing body of the School of Oriental and African Studies, becoming vice-chairman. In 1982 he accepted an

appointment as a Queen's Bench Master. This work was particularly well-suited to his talents. His fast working brain and encyclopaedic knowledge of both procedural and substantive law enabled him to dispatch the business with great speed, accuracy and justice. He played a maior editorial role in the production of The Supreme Court Practice, the procedural bible for civil practitioners. The same virtues as lawyer and former politician enabled him to make an outstanding contribution both in the general field of continuing law reform and the implementation of the legislation arising

from the Civil Justice Review.

He was unmarried.

BY MICHAEL DYNES

PROPOSALS to extend European Community environmental protection powers set off a fresh dispute about Britain's environmental record vesterday after ministers were accused of abandoning the green agenda.

The draft proposal, which is expected to be adopted formally by the European Commission in the next few weeks, would require central and local authorities to carry out full environmental impact assessments at the beginning of the planning process instead of when it is complete, as at present.

Bowen Wells, secretary of the Conservative backbeach environment committee, provoked a hail of criticism after dismissing the Commission's proposal as a "bureaucratic nightmare". Brian Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, said: "The government's out-of-hand rejection of the European Community's new proposals shows that they have abandoned the green agenda."

Proposals to extend the European Commission's environmental protection powers have been under discussion in Brussels and London for some months. Commission officials appear to favour a directive designed to be applied to all construction and development "policies, plans, and programmes". which would compel central and local authorities to take account of the environmental consequences of development schemes from the moment they have been thought of until the construction work is ready to start.

British ministers fear that the Commission's proposals would be completely unwork-

Speaking at an environmental conference in London in October, David Trippier, the environment minister. said: "Our doubts are occasioned by the form of the proposal." Britain believes it cannot be effectively applied to the preliminary stages of the planning process, he said.

secretary, told the foreign affairs select committee yesterday that any additional layer of planning procedure was

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sive class sizes are in Labour-

Labour estimate that its

first target of a maximum

class of 40 would cost £3

million to secure, and that

£15 million to £20 million

would be needed to reduce

that to 35. Jack Straw, the

party's education spokesman.

claimed that the final target

of 30 could not be costed

because the education depart-

ment had failed to produce

the necessary figures. In Scot-

land there was already a suc-

Mr Straw said there were

now 911,000 children in

classes of over 30, an increase

lines on the left breast pocket. Tom Cook, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, said that the artist's impressions were based on Miss Slater's memory of her abductor before he bundled her into a car. She had later spent long periods blindfolded or the man had prevented her seeing his face. No further details of her ordeal have been released.

nises this man or has information relating to the railway badge, we appeal to them to contact us. He could be anywhere in the country." He said that he had expected to receive a letter from the kidnapper, because the man who murdered Miss Dart had seemed to enjoy taunting the police. If he now felt he had succeeded, he might want

Mr Cook confirmed yesterday that Kevin Watts, Miss Slater's manager

and 17-year-olds staying on

in education; and the cre-

ation of an independent edu-

cation standards commission

to monitor quality.

Mr Taylor criticised Lab-

our for another "grand ges-ture". He said: "Although Labour's heart is certainly in

the right place, their head, in

the form of John Smith, is

very clearly stating they will not pay for it."

☐ The school leaving age in the Irish republic will be

raised from 15 to 16 under

Davern, the education minis-

ter, yesterday. The move would affect about 6,000 pu-pils, guaranteeing that each

pupil receives a minimum of

three years' secondary

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Labour 'to ban big classes'

over 35, and 9,000 in classes

he added: "Tory ministers

know the value of small class-

es - for their own children. That is why they send them to private schools." Labour's

first job would be to stop the rot which had seen the Con-

servatives cut in the share of

national wealth devoted to

contained in a policy docu-ment entitled Modernising

Britain's Schools. Among the

ten commitments it outlined

were the guarantee of a nurs-

four-year-old whose parents

wanted one; reformed A-lev-

els in a curriculum that

allowed pupils to combine

The party's proposals were

of more than 40.

Face of the

kidnapper

but it was possible that he was trying to mislead the police.

He also said that Miss Slater and Mr Watts were being protected by police. He praised Miss Slater, who has spent six days giving detectives information since she was released. Given her ordeal, she is in quite remarkable condition."

The telephone hotline numbers are (Birmingham) 021-200 2552 and (Leeds) (0532) 444711.

per could be a train enthusiast, because of the railway connections,

Policeman kills three

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who acted as a ransom courier, had

been ordered to drive from Birming-

ham to a telephone klosk near

Glossop station, north Derbyshire.

There he took a call instructing him to

go to other kiosks along a route on the

A628 and A629 towards Sheffield

and finally to the drop-off point at

Oxspring, near Barnsley, South York-

shire. Mr Cook said that the kidnap-

2,000 people gathered outside City Hall, less than a mile away from the Sinn Fein offices, to protest against the continuing violence. The rally had been organised by the Irish trade union movement and speakers included Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, who said he brought to the working people of Northern Ireland the full backing of working people, throughout Great Britain for your brave cam-paign for basic rights and against the builet and the

Hugh Miskelly, chairman of the Northern Ireland committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, said the rally was a clear indication that workers rejected and condemned what he called the

dry. Light rain or drizzle will affect northern and western coastal

areas with the cloud breaking in central and southeastern parts to bring sunny intervals. Northern and eastern Scotland cloudy with

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disgrace of the spiralling wave of tit-for-tat murders. There is no cause whatsoever that will ever justify such deplorable actions peddled daily by the paramilitaries. Mr Miskelly said. "We also deplore the bombing attacks on shops, offices, factories and public transport. These are not legitimate targets in a so called economic war they are nothing more than a direct attack on the jobs and livelihoods of ordinary

workers." The Northern Ireland security minister, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, supported the the opportunity to say to the terrorists We reject you and all your works, not least because as well as destroying life you are in the process of destroying jobs and people's

livelihoods

Mostly cloudy over England

and Wales with many places

Political sketch

Dawn breaks like a wound afresh

A galvanised Chamber took us back to a poem penned during a conflict alpenned during a connect at-most as cruel as that now engaging MPs. "Every-body," wrote Siegfried Sas-soon during the Great War, "suddenly burst out sing-ing". Yesterday, everyone suddenly burst out shout-ing. Secretary, procedured ing. Spectators watched a passionate instalment of the debate about the economic recession in Canada. The Canadian economy

now grips the attention of the Conservative party. There is a new interest in Sweden, and Australia's problems are upon every lip. Tories dwell lovingly on the slowdown in retail sales in Belgium. A top-level edict has gone out never to use the word "recession" alone. MPs must refer to the "Canadian", "world" or "international" recession, the recession "athomeandabrumi . Ministers have executed a neat switch from boasting that economic slowdown was a deliberate policy chosen, by Downing Street, to cure domestic in-flation, to describing it as a terrible scourge, like lo-custs or cholera, visited upon all mankind by forces beyond HMG's control.

When did this recession turn from Major's remedy to divine scourge? Never mind, for, should the potion work and our economy take wing, we shall revert. Canada will be forgotten. New Zealand will become a postscript, Australia a footnote. Tory history will teach that the Conservative party was, after all, the wise au-thor of a small recession ushering in a miracle of

recovery. Alone among nations. Britain will have grasped the nettle of a solution which, if it wasn't hurting, wasn't working, If there should be, happily, recovery in Saskatchewan too, lumb-erjacks there will be chorusing Mr Major's praises.

T or the moment though, while it is hurting and isn't working, the problem seems to have started in Canada. "Did we cause the recession," shouted Major at Kirmock, "in New Zea-land, in Australia, in Cana-

ds...?"
"Yes! Yes!" screamed the entire Opposition benches. Perhaps they meant that Mr Major had blighted New Zealand, etc. more likely they have the word. likely, they heard the word 'recession" and started shouting "You did!" regardless. Even as our own PM spoke, was Mr Mulroney yelling at an angry mob of

Hat: "And it's not just in Alberta that the drapery sector is in decline. Did cause the recession in England, Belgium, Sweden

Here, meanwhile, Mr Major was shouting. The governor of the Bank of England said yesterday that 'the conditions are now in place to underpin a sustained recovery"." This is hard to shout.

MPs scratched their heads. This was not the recovery, then? This was not even the underpinnings to recovery. This was the emplacement of the "conditions" necessary for the und-erpinnings. This was, so to speak, the draining of the swamp prior to the digging of the foundations antecedent to the construction of the palaces which must, one day, rise above the

But when? Like the ritual airfields built in hopeless locations on remote South Pacific islands by Polyne-sian cargo cultists who believe that one day the great silver bird from the sky, of which legend tells, will land again on their is-land ... the "conditions"

were in place.
But still the seasons turn. Still the palms sway in a hot breeze, still the coconuts drop. Yet of the great white bird, still no sign. "The underpinnings are there," the headman assures his

Chief John peers into the blue yonder, searching for that glinting speck. Does headman Lamont hear the faintest of drones? Or is it just the drumming of the surf on the reefs beyond his Downing Street lagoon?

We digress. Shouted le digress. "Economic the PM at the Opposition leader. "Stop sniggering and do something" bel-lowed a voice from the Lab-

"If they'd spend more on defence," yelled defence minister Archie Hamilton at the benches opposite. "I'm a Dutchman" Smears, jeers, slurs and hip replacement statistics were hurled back and forth across the Chamber. Suddenly, everybody burst out

Each new day at Westminster brings a new fight. Two dozen parliamentary the election. Dawn broke yesterday, as another war poem observed, "like a

wound afresh". **MATTHEW PARRIS**

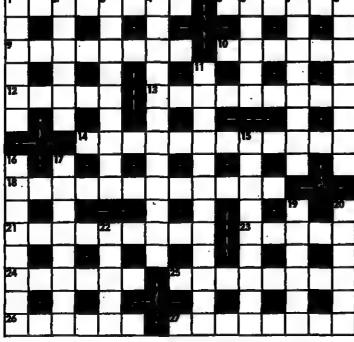
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of 13 per cent, or 106,000 academic, technical and jobpupils, since 1988. More related study; annual targets to increase the number of 16 than 80,000 were in classes of

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1 Out East, allow time for prayer 5 Party gathering meant a race for

9 Light pipe — it's heat-resistant (4-10 Work too hard, but finished just

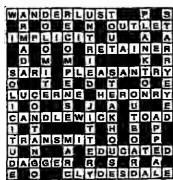
the same (6). 12 Support cast (5).

13 Sensational affair - stream in 14 Printer, rather flexible, put in circular chart (12).

18 Making short work of problem with badly ventilated room? (12). 21 Uncouth hooligan cut down to size (5-4).

23 It's scored to conduct without 24 Lock up one at a time, we hear

Solution to Puzzle No 18,832



25 Give servant authority (8).

1 Saint Peter is above, and most dependable (6

2 Fellow endlessly annoying — for two pins, you'd do a swap (6). 3 Admit to see King incog, perhaps

4 Tea (with honey) served at 2.50 in this village? (12). 6 Block part of the ear (5). 7 Coast road hard to see in

overhanging snow (8). Dancer's exhibition given a miss 11 Intelligent about pop music?

That's novel (8,4). 15 Defender gives a summary after game (9).

16 Scourge soldier in Jerusalem (8). 17 Clothing removed out of place? 19 Savage keeps one for use on an

ordinary day (6). 20 Sticks around northern French port (6).

22 Hot and sour soup for Egyptian

deity (5)

FANTOCCINI L. Pasta-like ribboss 26 Suffering swellings — medicine not prescribed? (6). Knocks down and pins on the AUTOPHAGIA

attempt an Eliminator Puzzle to be published on Thursday February 20.

Answers on Life and Times 11 For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24 hours a day, dial 0836 401 followed by the

By Pailin How

DIKEPHOBIA a. Misogyny b. Fear of justice c. Fear of eating QUADDLE

. To gramble . To multiply by four

appropriate code. London & SE National motorways

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The Concise crossword is on page 11 of Life & Times The Times InterCity Crossword Championship, 1992: As more competitors have qualified for the Bristol and London A and B regional finals than can be accommodated, they will be required to

some rain or sleet clearing eastern areas quickly. Some drizzle MIDDAY: t=thunder, d=crizzle; tg=fog; e=sun; A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definit are correct? Srussess
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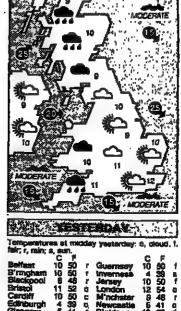
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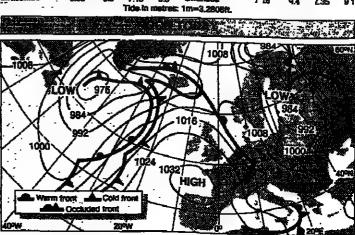
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THE BUSINESS

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code article 93 of the Treaty

of Rome, which would allege

that the government paid ad-

ditional aid to BAe, which it

concealed from the commis-

In 1988, the commission

gave its blessing to the Rover

sale on the basis that the

purchase price should be

£150 million, the government

having been allowed to write off E331 million of Rover's

The commission then

found that the government

had allowed BAe to defer its

syment for 18 months, and

that it had paid an additional

£9.5 million to help the com-

pany buy out minority share-holders, and an extra £1.5

million to cover legal costs.

Instead of going to the court

or opening a new procedure,

however, the commission

wrote to the government, tell-

ing it to take the money back.

an appeal by La Cinq, the struggling French television channel. In that case, the

commission said it could not

take interim measures on be-

half of La Cinq in its attempts

to join the European Broad-

Gas, could fund a £50 million

a year programme.
The scheme devised by

British Gas envisages the creation of an independent

trust fund with six trust agen-

cies, set up to address specific

areas in which efficiency of

gas use can be readily im-

proved. These are - com-

bined heat and power

schemes, condensing boilers, cavity wall insulation, home energy audits, fuel poverty projects and informative

British Gas said: "Details

of the proposed trusts are still being finalised. This is an

important new initiative

being drawn up with the sup-

port of Ofgas and the govern-

ment's energy efficiency office

to give new impetus to energy management.

British Gas shares fell 4p to 245p after Hoare Govett, the broker, said the effect of

Office of Fair Trading pro-

posals for the reshaping of the

gas market would change British Gas from a trading to

a transport company.

in Davos, Switzerland, Senhor Cardoso

outlined his idea for a strategic oil

reserve, while steering clear of where the oil would come from. The commis-sioner linked the plan to his other con-troversial crusade—an EC energy tax to curb carbon disharm could see heart

Cardoso said the tax could only work if oil prices were kept high. He added that a reserve would also help give the Com-

munity more clout on the international

potency in affecting oil prices during the Gulf war that led the Portuguese

commissioner to pursue his ideas. Se-

nhor Cardoso has based the outline

plan for an EC reserve on America's strategic petroleum reserve, which has helped Washington to avoid any undue

pressure from nations belonging to

The American reserve, stored partly in

disused mineshafts, comprises about

It was the Community's virtual im-

to the Court of Justice, w

ters' Union. La Cinq went

A commission source said:

£800 million debt.

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



TWO TO TANGO



training budget will reach £3.5 billion by 1997 but Jacques Delors and Sir Leon Brittan cannot agree how the money should be

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NAMING NAMES

Lloyd's names will apply for an injunction to stop Lloyd's from enforcing cash calls by drawing down on their deposits Page 17

WRONG NUMBER



Customers do not like BT; nor do most of its employees. A staff survey shows despair and disenchantment Page 17

MBA FAIR

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NICE FIGURES



member does not endear Neil Mackington to Norman Lamont: nor do his economic forecasts

THE POUND

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Court of Justice confirms ruling

BAe need not repay £44m of sweeteners

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Court of Justice has ruled that, for the moment at least, British Aerospace does not have to repay the £44.4 million it received in 'sweeteners' from the government in 1988 to buy Rover Group.

The court yesterday confirmed an interim decision. made before Christmas by Walter Van Gerven, EC advocate general, that while the commission was substantially correct in ruling the Rover aid illegal, it overstepped its powers in telling the govern-

ment to repay it.

BAe said it was pleased with the decision, but the case is embarrassing for the government, which has only escaped the commission's antitrust clutches by default. The decision also leaves the commission embarrassed, because the Rover case was a cause célèbre in the crusade to wipe out unfair state aid to EC industry.

Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, merely put out a statement terday noting that the court had found nothing wrong with the substance of the case against BAe. Sir Leon's spokesman said

there were three options open ☐ To drop the case.

☐ To complain to the court that the UK government had not respected conditions laid down by the commission for the Rover sale in 1988. ☐ To open a new case against Rover, under the state aid

Brittan beats challenge

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

SIR Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner. has defeated an attempt to shackle his powers to vet company mergers in Europe.

An agreement to make cosmetic changes to the commission's consultation on difficult merger cases is set down in a note to today's commission meeting. Confirmation that Sir Leon's powers will remain virtually unchanged brings to end a dis-pute that has been bubbling inside the commission since a decision to refuse an aircraft

BRITISH Gas is planning a levy on household gas bills to fund an independent trust,

with a first year budget of up

to £20 million, to promote energy efficiency. Explor-atory talks with the energy

department are aimed at

making the trust the nucleus

of a new national energy sav-

ing agency with a budget in 1993-4 of £120 million.

Up to £80 million could

come from the government and the electricity industry, where Stephen Littlechild.

the regulator is keen to pro-

more more energy efficiency

measures. In the current year, the government's energy efficiency office has a budget of

The British Gas trust

scheme is expected to provide

subsidies to encourage householders and small businesses

to insulate buildings and buy

more efficient appliances. Environmentalists and eco-

nomists argue that privatis-

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE slogan "It's Scotland's oil" has not

yet rallied overwhelming support to the nationalist cause north of the border,

but the sentiment may yet be upstaged by Brussels, where the latest cry is: "It's

For Antonio Cardoso e Cunha, the

energy commissioner, has suggested that Europe may need a strategic oil reserve, and ultimately could buy up North Sea oil supplies from Britain, the

EC's only producer, and "communi-tarise" 90 per cent of production. As a

concession, he said any country's exche-

quer would be compensated for loss of

British officials contacted yesterday

expressed amazement that the idea had

surfaced, believing it to have been killed

in behind-the-scenes talks. One

described it as "Euro-lunacy at its best". British officials were also amazed that

sources in Brussels close to Senhor

Cardoso had even mentioned the North

Sea requisition plan. "We've told him

time and again that the EC doesn't need an energy reserve," said one official.
"When US bombers went into Iraq, the produces about 1.3 million barrels a day

revenue by the commission.

just £42 million.

Europe's oil".

manufacturing merger in October. Sir Leon blocked the purchase of de Havilland, the Canadian aircraft maker, by ATR, the Franco-Italian consortium, on the grounds that it would produce undue con-

intending records that the ex-isting procedure should be maintained. That process leaves key decisions in the hands of a single commis-sioner and his officials.

British Gas to raise

levy for energy trust

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

even when it is more cost-

The British Gas proposals

come in response to pressure

from Sir James McKinnon,

head of Ofgas, the gas indus-

try regulator, for measures to

cut the amount of energy

wasted and to reduce the fuel

The scheme will strike at

the profitability of British

Gas, which makes more mon-ey for every additional therm of gas sold. But the company is likely to console sharehold-

ers with the argument that

promoting efficiency will help secure its market against

competition from other fuels.

Sir James has said he is

"pass through" the cost of

prepared to allow British Gas

an energy efficiency pro-gramme to its 17.5 million

tariff customers, made up of

households and small busi-

nesses, when new tariffs are

According to the regulator,

implemented on April 1.

ation has encouraged con-struction of new supply facili-ties, raising customer bills,

bills of poorer families.

effective to reduce demand.

The Court of Justice judges have always been procedural sticklers. It's too early to say what we're going to do.
The decision is the second in the past month by the court criticising the commission's procedure. The court said the commission had under-used its powers when considering

centration in the market. A note to the commission meeting records that the "ex-

Fight for control, page 19 ruled the opposite.

support is double forecast BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BANK of England intervention to support the pound last month was double what the City forecast, according to the latest Treasury figures, but represented just a fraction of the bank's buge reserves. Fears that sterling would

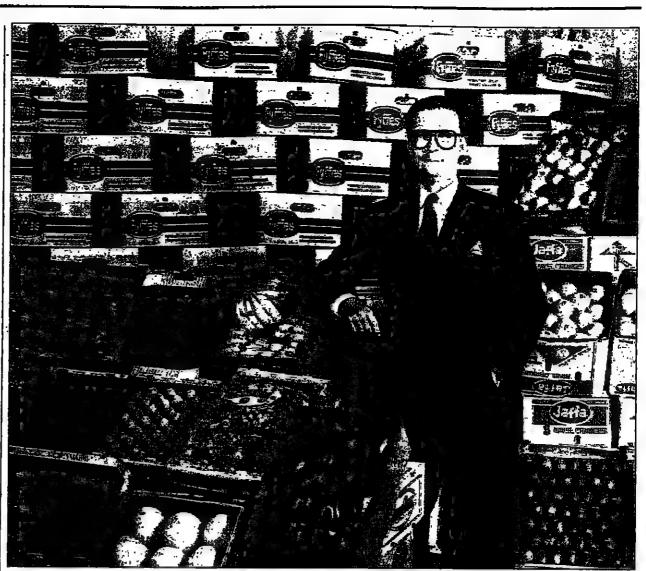
require massive support in the new year appear to have ing reserves fell \$336 million in January. This compares with total reserves at an historically high \$44.6

Early last month, the pound dropped to its lowest since joining the European exchange rate mechanism in October 1990, frequently threatening to go through its effective ERM floor. But welltimed intervention and gov-ernment reassurances helped the currency recover.

In America, Alan Green-span, the Federal Reserve chairman, said further interest rate cuts were under consideration, if needed, as an "additional insurance" to boost the stuggish economy. He reaffirmed his view that he does not expect a "double dip" recession and still be-lieves that the monetary eas-ing to date will be sufficient to

produce recovery. Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, meanwhile sought to highlight some encouraging signs for the economy. He said the decline in interest rates could this year save American families as much as \$25 billion in interest costs on mortgages and other household debt. He said the economy could be given a quick stimulus if Congress approved proposals for growth outlined last week by President Bush in his State of the Union message and his

Right figures, page 17



Going shopping: John Callaghan, chief executive of Fyffes, which is looking for investment opportunities

Sterling 'Times' preferred in boardroom BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

The Times is read by more

captains of industry than any other general daily newspaper, according to a new MORI poil. Asked which newspapers

they read yesterday, 47 per cent of business leaders replied The Times, against 36 per cent Evening Standard, 29 per cent Daily Telegraph, and 29 per cent Independent. The specialised Financial Times was read by 81 per

Asked which business sec-Asset which business section was most useful for company information. The Times was read by 43 per cent (45 per cent last year), more than the other two white broadsheets combined. The Independent was read by 21 per cent (24 per cent) and the Daily Telegraph by 20 per cent (34 per cent). For City information, the specialised FT rated 87 per cent (86 per

FINANCIALTIMES TENTON TO THE LETHE INDEPENDENT The Baily Telegra 18%

The Sunday Times, at 75 per cent, was read by more business leaders than its rival broadsheets combined.

MORI's annual captains of industry survey covered a random sample of about 100 of the 500 largest industrial companies in Britain. Of the sample interviewed, three quarters were either chairmen or managing directors.

Cash-rich **Fyffes** in market

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH FYFFES, the Dublin fruit and vegetable wholesaler best known for its imported ba-nanas, is sitting on a cash pile of Iriloo million (193 million) and is looking for investment opportunities. The group, which has been a net borrower for only one month in 1967, said last year that it was interested in Del Monte, the fresh fruit operation of

Fyffes made pre-tax profits of Ir£27.1 million in the year to the end of October, an increase of 3.3 per cent on last time. Turnover increased by 9.1 per cent to Ir£608 million. Earnings per share were unchanged at Ir6.73p. The final dividend is Ir0.82p. a 10 per cent increase on last time giving a total dividend for the year of Irl.14p, up 10 per cent.

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John Callaghan, the chief executive, said the results were satisfactory, with solid results in the UK and Ireland.

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Your oil is our oil, says Brussels price of oil went down, not up. The from the North Sea. Senhor Cardoso markets can sort it out themselves." realised that he had two options for his plan - to buy in oil stocks, or virtually At an international economic forum

close down the North Sea. He consulted Britain on the latter plan last year.
"We told the commission that it's just not that simple," said the British

fiscal 1993 budget.

'You can't simply close an oilfield and just have a tap when you want to move the markets a little. A constant pressure has to be maintained, and then there's the problem of the gas as well. And the high cost of recompensing the exchequer would just not make it

The official said that less radical oilreserve plans suggested by the commissioner had been rejected in 1990, and that the strategic reserve "stood no chance at all of even getting through the commission."

Senhor Cardoso's spokesman con-firmed, however, that the idea is very pensated for their loss of oil revenue," he said. "Yes, that effectively means Britain."

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Swiss Bank fights to save top credit rating at Moody's

BY KAREN WOOLFSON

SWISS Bank Corporation is preparing a fight to maintain its triple A rating on long term deposits as it enters talks with Moody's, the credit rating agency, over the next few

Moody's put SBC on its watch list last week at the same time that it downgraded Crédit Suisse from a triple A rating on long term

Until the latest Moody's revisions, Crédit Suisse, Swiss Bank and Union Bank have enjoyed an unbroken record of the top rating for credit

John Kriz, the head of Moody's team working on Crédit Suisse in New York, said Crédit Suisse was downgraded "because of the potential for further asset quality deterioration and the more adverse competition environment in Switzerland and

He added that Swiss Bank is in a similar position and he is particularly worried about its exposure to highly leveraged firms such as the Maxwell empire, to foreign property loan portfolios and to medium sized Swiss

A Swiss Bank spokesman said: "Swiss Bank will argue that there will be no grounds

will point out that its capital grade is adequate and that it continues to enjoy the top ratings of the agencies Stan-dard & Poor's and IBCA Banking Analysis."

Helmut Reincke, of Credit Suisse, is also at loggerheads with Moody's. He said: "We don't agree

that our asset quality warrants a downgrading. What they say about the future is that asset quality may deteriorate, we think our asset quality will not."

However, Mr Reincke says considerable provisions will be made for loan losses in 1991 after which net profits will be about SwFr800 million (£312 million) — recovering from the slump to SwFr539 million in 1990. Union Bank of Switzer-

land, on the other hand, is relieved that the credit agency feels "comfortable" with its top rating and boasts the strongest equity base in the country, but there is no guar-

alyst at Julius Baer in Zurich, claims that Moody's decision s part of a broad attack on ritzerland: "Foreigners love to criticise Switzerland." He added: "Could you imagine if all three ratings

antee that it will escape Moody's watch list in the

agencies downgraded? Moody's have taken a view. They have gone for Crédit Suisse perhaps because it is the easiest target and it is logical to include Swiss Bank Corporation if you take the Swiss environment into

Moody's has always been the most aggressive credit agency, prepared to make controversial decisions in the face of criticism from all over the world.

Roger Gough, European banking analyst at Barings, said: "I was in Japan and watched Moody's take a trawl Once Moody's is seen to take a view on the market they then start applying that fairly

Another banking analyst said there was no reason to downgrade Credit Suisse in

the first place.

Jim Hide, banking analyst at Williams de Broe, does not believe Credit Suisse or Swiss Bank deserve to be

He said both banks have strong balance sheets. "If you look at their capital backing and underlying capital gains on holdings they are among the strongest banks in the world," he added.



Rural revivalist: David Hunt, Welsh Secretary

Mid-Wales turns tide

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S rural sugar emet diversify and halt the brain drain to the cities if they are to survive in the Nineties, according to David Hunt, the

Welsh secretary.
One region which has taken his message to heart is Mid-Wales. Its population has increased by 8 per cent to 218,000 since the early Righties, and it has far lower ployment than the rest of Wales. This is largely the

work of the Jocal enterprise agency, the Development Board for Rural Wales.

Last year 93 new and expanding businesses moved into the board's factories, creating more than 1,000 jobs, Glyn Davies, the board chairman, said.

This means that almost 20 per cent of the population is involved in manufacturing in a region which 14 years ago was purely agricultural.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Output by

Opec

at 11-year

high

OPEC crude oil production in January rose to levels

unseen for about 11 years,

the latter half of the month,

according to a Reuters survey of executives and analysts. Estimated January produc

tion was 24.2 million barrels

per day, about 70,000 bpd above December. Voluntary cutbacks agreed by nine members in the latter half of

the month totalled around

Opec oil output in the last

few months has matched the

25 million bpd levels of 1980.

But a further drop is expected

after Opec talks in Geneva on February 12. Opec's hig two, Sandi Arabia and Iran, stepped up output last month,

but there were wide varia-

tions and less certainty about the estimates for both.

Some analysis said Saudi output was as high as 8.7 million bpd, excluding the Neutral Zone, split with Ku-

wait, while others put it as low as 8.4 million. Reuters

judged that a fair figure was 8.5 million bpd, partly based

on comments from sources in

Dhahran, home of the state-

owned oil company Saudi Aramoo, and tanker trackers. Neutral Zone output was estimated at about 280,000

The range of estimates for Iran, traditionally hard to track, was 3.35 million to 3.6

million bpd. Reuters puts

Iranian January output at 3.5

million bpd, with some of the 150,000 bpd increase due to

rises in capacity and draining

410,000 bpd.

Lloyds Chemists raises cash for more shops

LLOYDS Chemists has made two acquisitions worth £3.42 million. It is buying nine chemist stores from Lidstore, a London and Home Counties chain, for £2.92 million plus stock. The stores had a turnover of £3.9 million in the year to September 30. Completion of the deal depends on Family Health Service Authority approval and an agreement with the landlords, which are expected soon.

Lloyds is also buying two chemist shops from AG Shepherd (Nailsworth) for £500,000, plus stock. These had a turnover of £895,000 in 1990. Lloyds is raising £3.42 million via a placing of 1.09 million ordinary shares at 314p to fund the acquisitions. Panmure Gordon is handling the placing. Dealing in the new shares should start on February 7. Lloyds shares were unchanged at 323p.

Heiton hit hard

HEITON Holdings suffered a 35.8 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to IrE820,000 (E760,000) in the half year to end-October, as reduced construction activity and depressed consumer spending took their toll on the Irish builders' merchant and DIY group. Turnover declined by Irf4.3 million to Irf29.7 million — largely blamed on the major rationalisation of British operations, which resulted in an extraordinary provision of Irf200,000. There was also an exceptional debit of Irf59.000. Earnings drop from 2.54p to 1.75p per share, but the interim dividend stays at 0.65p.

Printech down 22%

PRINTECH International, the Dublin computer manual printer, suffered a 22.4 per cent decline in full-year profits as weak world demand for computer hardware and software combined with intense competition to erode margins. Pretax profits fell from Ir£3.27 million to Ir£2.54 million (£3 million to £2.33 million) in the year to end-December, although turnover edged up to Ir£20 million (Ir£19.3 million). The company said that business had "improved significantly" in the fourth quarter. A final dividend of 1.2p makes an unchanged total of 2p for the year.

VW in Polish talks

VOLKSWAGEN. Europe's largest car maker, said it was exploring the possibility of assembling cars in Poland, following last month's offer by Warsaw to let Fiat. General Motors and VW each ship 10,000 cars to the Polish market tax-free as long as each company invested at least \$50 million in different Palish are formula by mild-1002

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Lloyd's names are ready to fight forced cash calls

A GROUP of several hundred Lloyd's names are expected later this month to apply for an injunction preventing Lloyd's from enforcing cash calls by drawing down on the names' deposits.

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The move, which has sparked controversy among existing names action groups and their advisers, comes at a time when thousands of names face financial ruin this spring. The first of the latest round of cash calls to pay for recent huge claims fall due on March 2 and draw-downs are expected to begin shortly after that date. Many names could in theory lose their homes because of bank guarantees put up as part of the deposit. must place in the hands of

THE Treasury's dismal fore-

casting record might warrant

the government re-hiring Neil MacKinnon, who accu-

rately predicted British

growth, or more precisely the lack of it, for the past two

Eurotunnel

plays down

issue report

Eurotunnel, developer of the

Channel tunnel, has played

down French news reports

that it is considering issuing shares to TML, the construc-

tion consortium building the

18 billion tunnel, as a way of

settling its long running dis-

pute over the so-called lump

sum works on the project. TML is claiming more than

£1.2 billion from Eurotunnel,

on works orginally budgeted at around £625 million.

Eurotunnel said: "Various

possibilities have been ex-

plored in the course of discus-

sions with TML aimed at

settling the disagreement on

the cost of the work, but at

present there is no agreement

in prospect..." Eurotunnel shares dropped 15p to 445p.

Fleming Claverhouse Invest-ment Trust has paid a fourth-

quarter dividend of 3p.

making 10.5p for the year to

end-December, an increase

of 5 per cent. The net revenue

available to shareholders fell

by 6 per cent to £2.03 million.

The net asset value per share

at the year end was 339.3p.

up 15 per cent. The share price rose 24.5 per cent.

Elga cash call

Elga Group, the laboratory equipment specialist, is to buy

Carbolite for a maximum of

£4.94 million. About £4.26

million will come from a

rights issue with the balance

from loan notes. Elga also

plans to change its name to Protean. The shares eased 1p

Marston issue

Marsion, Thompson &

Evershed, the brewer, has

raised £15 million through an

issue of 20 year debenture

stock. The coupon is 10.25

per cent. giving a yield of 122

basis points over the 9 per

Heritage hope

Heritage, the USM-quoted

has trimmed pre-tax losses to

£96.000 (£198.000) in the six

months to end-October. Turnover declined to £5.36 million (£5.82 million). There

is no interim dividend. but

BP reclassifies

British Petroleum's £2.7 bil-

lion a year nutrition division

has been reclassified as "non-

core" and told it must operate

Leaseback deal

properties occupied by sub-sidiaries for £4.03 million.

shares rose 3p to 28p.

without central funds.

household goods wholesaler.

cent 2008 gilt.

Trust rises

their agents when joining Lloyd's, are drawn down when names fail to meet cash calls from their other financial resourses. If Lloyd's is prevented by an injunction from drawing down deposits, shortfalls on cash calls would have to be paid from central Lloyd's funds, currently estimated at about £450 million.

Michael Freeman, a partner of the law firm, Michael Freeman & Co., is to send out a mailshot today to more than 6,000 names on nine of the worst hit Lloyd's syndicates to invite them to participate in the injunction application. In the letter, Mr Freeman said that "names have a strongly arguable case to initiate applications for injunctions pre-

years, and is looking for a hat-

being right, however, is un-

likely to be enough to endear him to Norman Lamont, the

Chancellor of the Exchequer, since the chief economist at

Yamaichi International has

been a paid-up member of the

Labour party since his teens.

Among City scribblers, Mr Mackinnon, aged 36, re-mains something of an oddity

for his political leanings, of

Born and educated in

Liverpool, but from Scottish crofting stock. Mr Mac-

Kinnon says that he always

suspected the unbounded op-

timism the government fos-tered in the Eighties. Perhaps it was his back-

ground of kirk and thrift that

made him suspicious of the "supply side miracle", even

when Nigel Lawson was the

Mr MacKinnon saw this

inevitably leading to a long

and drawn out recession, not

the shallow dip the govern-

ment wanted to see.

The high interest "cure".

and taking sterling into the deflationary grip of the ex-change-rate mechanism, only

compounded the agony, in

Mr MacKinnon's view. Crucially, he believes, the Trea-

sury ignored the negative

wealth effect the collapse in

the housing market would have on the consumer, the key

Mr MacKinnon is keen to

point out that his prognoses

of 0.8 per cent real growth in the gross domestic product in 1990, and a 2.5 per cent

decline last year, are not the

product of political bias.

Since leaving the Treasury in

George Street for the City in

1986, his career has been

performance-related.

a job." he said.

British exports.

opments.

son boom.

which he makes no secret.

Mr MacKinnon's talent for

trick in 1992.

Left leaning City

scribbler with

the right figures

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

from enforcing the calls that have been made."

The names are on syndicates managed by the Fletrim, Gooda Walker, Devonshire and Rose Thomson Young underwriting agencies. All the syndicates specialised in writing high risk excess of loss reinsurance

Mr Freeman's move has attracted bitter criticism from some solicitors acting for other distressed names. A lawyer at one firm has written to a group of names claiming that the injunction application would "cut away the ground" from under existing action groups and "had not been thought through with the same degree of care" as the actions being prepared by

The lawyer alleged that Mr Freeman's injunction would have to claim damages for breach of contract or negligence and that this could effectively bar the existing action groups from bringing proceedings on behalf of the mme mames.

They also said that Mr. Freeman's action could hold up the Lloyd's loss review panels set up to investigate the biggest losses of the disas-trous 1988 to 1990 underwriting years.

Mr Freeman has rejected the allegations, claiming that names cannot afford to wait for "the possibility of legal action at some stage in the indeterminate future" because of the imminence of the draw-downs. He added that the proposed injunction proceedings had "nothing to do" with the action group

None of the existing names action groups have yet given official advice to their members on whether to join Mr Freeman's action, but Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of the Goods Walker Action Group, said that "anyone who does anything sensible to halt the Lloyd's juggernaut...deserves our sympathy at least." He added that the action group was considering contributing to the cost of the

Instead of being entranced by the statistical and mathe-Mr Freeman, who is the matical model worlds of the solicitor to the Oakeley Treasury econometrists, Mr Vaughan names, who cur-rently have a case against Lloyd's in the High Court, MacKinnon kept a close eye on macro-economic develhas estimated that a fund of The crucial difference be-tween Mr MacKinnon and £120,000 would be needed to cover the maximum potential the Treasury lay in the evalua-tion of the build-up in debt, in both household and corpocosts of the action. About 600 participants, contributing 200 each to the fund would rate sectors, under the Lawbe needed. Five test cases would be used in the injunc-

injunction.

tion application. Mr Freeman said that he hoped that the application would be in the courts by February 20. There has already been a "tremendous response," with 180 individuals signing up or giving a information concerning its policy of non-depreciation of freehold and long leasehold buildings.

Forte has agreed to make it clear in its next set of report and accounts that the company's appraisal of residual values is based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition or subsequent valuation of the property in ques-tion, and that its policy is to make provision in the profit and loss account in the event of the occurence of any permanent diminution in prop-

we account for these aspects

of the company's business is straightforward and in accordance with the Companies Act and the Accounting Standards Authority but clearly the review panel has to follow

and Shield Group. Williams and Ultramar voluntarily agreed to give more

Electrolux maintains information in their next set dividend

> By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS

ELECTROLUX, the world's largest white goods maker, surprised financial markets when it held its dividend for the 1991 financial year, de-

The company, whose brand names include Zanussi and Frigidaire, said in a provisional results statement yesterday that profits after net financial items were down from SwKr1.41 billion to SWK.rl.u3 billion (198 mi lion), a fall of 27.3 per cent. The decline was expected and was due to the recession in some of the company's main markets, including America

to SwKr79.1 billion. The dividend, at SwKr12.5 for each free B share, is the same as had expected a cut in the dividend, so the news boosted Electrolux B shares to

SwKr250 million-worth of restructuring costs, which were taken into the fourth quarter results, during which net profits were down at SwKr135 million, compared with SwKr398 million in the



Forte accounts investigated

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE Financial Reporting Review Panel, the official watchdog for company reports and accounts, has investigated the annual report of Forte, the hotel and leisure group, after a complaint from Austin Mitchell, the Labour MP, over four aspects of the group's accounting policy.

The group, headed by Rocco Forte, son of Lord Forte, the business's founder, has agreed to give more information in its next set of report and accounts on its policy on non-depreciation of freehold and long leasehold buildings following the panel's investigation.
The investigation covered

accounting policies adopted by Forte in respect of capit-alisation of interest; the accounting treatment of expenses on major information technology projects; the absence of depreciation on freehold and long leasehold properties; and the variance between the date of signing of the balance sheet and of the

auditors' report.

Having discussed these matters with the directors of the company and Price Waterhouse, its auditor, the review panel says it is satisfied with the explanations provided and has concluded that there is no cause for action in respect of any of the four matters identified.

The panel believes, however, that it would be helpful if the company provided more

Donald Main, Forte's finance director, said: "How

This is the fourth investigation for which the review pan-el has published its findings although it has undertaken other investigations of complaints about company re-ports and accounts, which it has subsequently found to be groundless. The other known investigations were into Williams Holdings, Ultramar

of accounts and Shield agreed to restate the bones of its accounts at the interim stage, according to Sydney Treadgold, the panel's

Forte's shares fell 2p to 225p. Warrants on the group's £93 million eurobond are exercisable at 226p on March 10.

Mr Main denied that the group was concerned about the share price level. "The exercise of the warrants is up to the holders. There is nothing we can do. We are quite relaxed about it. It's not a vital factor in our financial strategy," he said.

De Benedetti attacks IBM

By Our European business correspondent

CARLO de Benedetti, the Italian financier who has recently taken on management control of Olivettl, has launched an extraordinary attack on International Business Machines (IBM), accusing IBM of pursuing a

"Trojan horse" strategy by buying up stakes in rival European computer makers. Signor de Benedetti said

that Olivetti has been approached by IBM about the possibility of forming an alliance between the two groups. Signor de Benedetti believes that such an agreement would only lead to further strengthening of IBM's dominance of the market.

His comments come a week after IBM struck a wideranging co-operation deal with Groupe Bull, the French computer company and one of Oliveni's main European rivals. Under this deal, IBM and Bull will share technology and manufacutting facilities, and there are also plans for IBM to take a stake of between 5 per cent and 10

per cent in Bull. In an interview with Corriere della Sera, the daily Italian newspaper, Signor de Benedetti said: "What IBM

proposed to us and which we refused, belongs to the class of Trojan horse (alliances) in which one pays a small price to buy what is in effect a distribution network." He said "we thank (IBM), but we decline the offer as Olivetti has no interest in becoming a distributor of IBM's products."

In a separate development. Francis Lorentz, president of Bull, said yesterday that Bull was working closely with the French treasury on a new refinancing plan.

Fight for control, page 19 | fourth quarter of 1990.

spite a sharp fall in profits.

and Britain. Total turnover was also down, from SwKr82.4 billion last year. Market analysts

SwKr246, a rise of SwKr10. The profit figure includes

O&Y weighs up Canary Wharf deal

OLYMPIA & York, the Canadian property group, is to decide over the next few days whether wealthy private indi-viduals should be invited to participate in a refinancing of part of its £3 billion Canary Wharf scheme in London Docklands.

"Poor results and I'm out of This year, Mr MacKinnon has forecast 0.8 per cent growth, but considers it could prove a touch optimistic, given the slowdown in Germany that could adversely affect in enterprise zones qualify for

The building being consid-

trust

O&Y has no British profits

and has therefore always been keen to pass on the allowances, as part of a build-ing by building refinancing

of the project.

Last year, for instance, an unnamed British bank bought one of the smaller buildings at the project for between £50 million-£100 million, while Credit Suisse-First Boston acquired a long leasehold interest in the 550,000 sq ft building it will move into early next year. The year before O&Y completed a £500 million interim refinancing with a syndicate of European and North Ameri-

O&Y's outlay to date is be-

billion, most of which has been funded from internal credit lines and asset sales. Despite the progress O&Y has made in letting space at Canary Wharf, refinancing such developments remains difficult in the present market. For example, a £600 million refinancing of the project's central skyscraper that began in autumn 1990 is only expected to be completed

later this spring. O&Y is not known for giving away equity in any of its projects, and it is likely that any refinancing will include a call option enabling O&Y to buy the building back after a specified number of years.

Mr Hepher promised

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTION OF ONE SPECIAL AND FOUR REGIONAL MEMBERS TO THE MILK MARKETING BOARD - 1992

The Milk Marketing Board hereby announce as follows:

2. One Special Member of the Board and one Regional Member for each of the North-Western, Southern, South Wales and Mid-Western Reg.

3. The Board are prepared to receive nominations of candidates for these elections. Such nominations must be received by the Board at the Board's offices at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tues-

4. Every person so nominated as a candidate for election as a Special or Regional Member of the Board must deposit with the Secretary of the Board not later than 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 March 1992, the sum of £200. 5. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Special Member of the

Board unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at

least forty registered producers. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for an English Region unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers'

7. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board for a Welsh Region unless he or she has been nominated in writ ing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers. Union in the Region or by a County Branch of the Farmers. Union of Wales in the

8. A person may not be a candidate for election as a Special Member and as a Regional Member at the same time.

9. A candidate may withdraw from his or her candidature by a written notice to the effect provided it is delivered at the offices of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 March 1992. 10. Any electron literature issued by or on behalf of a candidate should

bear the name and address of the person issuing it and the name of the can-

iate on whose behalf it is issued. NOTE: Candidates in the Special Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (if more than one) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to all

Candidates in Regional Board Member elections of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly numinated candidate (in contested elections) the opportunity for a 1.000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to producers in the relevant Region, at a cost to each candidate of £100.

Candidates who wish to avail themselves of these services must submit a copy of the election address to the Secretary of the Board at Thames Ditton. Surrey, so that it and the relevant fee are received by him not later than Friday. 20 March 1992. If advance notice of an intention to make use of the service can be given it will be administratively most helpful.

100 per cent capital to set such allowances against liceed to be approaching £1.5

Such a refinancing could be achieved by selling one of the buildings at Canary Wharf to a property enterprise trust, a unitised investment vehicle that passes on the tax allowances available on buildings in enterprise zones to the individuals investing in the trust. Buildings

ered for such a sale is Num-ber 10, Cabot Square, whose tenants include Ogilvy & Mather; Skidmore. Owings & Merrill; CNA Reinsurance and the Maersk company. At almost 600,000 sq ft it is, barring the main skyscraper, the biggest building in the first phase of the project.

Assuming a theoretical average rent of £25 a sq ft and a yield of about 7 per cent, it would be worth over £200 million. That would make it by far the largest deal involving a property enterprise

can banks.

BT has trouble getting through to its workers country, but that is only a small part of the story. I recate bosses reasonably highly. ognise that the major issues

> Of course, an anonymous survey always provides a welcome chance to tell managebeing pushed through by BT ment some home truths you management were mixed. Fif-would hesitate to voice face to would hesitate to voice face to face. But the findings confirm force believe customers are the scale of the management

an increase of 6 per cent over pher, after just five months in the past 12 months. But 52 the job of group managing "My biggest concern is that workforce.

speedy, though unspecified, action to look at how BT can better recognise the skills and achievements of its employees. He also promised better benefiting from the changes, task faced by Michael He- the knowledge that even a

company whose very business is communications finds it hard to talk to its own

Employees at BT, on the tion of forms returned, com- better, quicker response to blame on the economy and employer.

pared with 1990, serves only customers. Many in the work- the general pessimism in the to confirm the poor state of force also rated their immedi-INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT This is not entirely surpris- But they were critical of se-THE substitution of inconspicuous grey and white vans ing. BT has shed thousands of nior management, with only are ours, and that it is up to us for the bright yellow vehicles traditionally beloved of Britoperators and middle manag- 22 per cent believing senior to resolve them." ers as it struggles to improve managers communicate efficiency in the face of grow- effectively. ish Telecom may come as a welcome relief for their occuing pressure from Oftel, its pants: according to a wide-

ranging survey of BT employees, only one third are proud of their company and 44 per cent fear for their jobs. The annual employee survey at Britain's biggest telecoms group found a mood of deepening despair and disenchantment among the workforce. Thirty-seven per cent of the 60,049 employees surveyed failed even to return

their questionnaires. The 4

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their minds.

some have trouble making up people are less proud to work The survey also found in-creasing proportions who believe that BT now gives a be easy to lay some of the believe that brings a choice of

communications. Managers in other parts of industry may take heart from

Macquarie sale HILL Samuel, TSB's merchant bank, is planning to sell off a 16 per cent non-voting stake in Macquarie Bank, its



Hepher: speedy action

Bank shares resilient to debt ratings

THE downgrading of Credit Suisse by Moody's and the subsequent drop in its share price have awoken European investors to the considerable power wielded by the debtrating agencies. In Britain. some bank shareholders are now concerned that a similar move by Moody's, Standard & Poor's or IBCA, the three main rating agencies, would spark off a slump in prices.

Undoubtedly, a down-grading is damaging to any bank. The reduction in Moody's long-term debt rat-ing for Crédit Suisse from AAA to AA1 will have two effects. First, the bank's cost of borrowing on the inter-national capital markets will rise. The difference on new issues may be only 0.1 per cent, but could costs millions of francs a year.

Triple-A rated banks also use their high ranking to issue guarantees on bonds and other debt instruments to allow them to carry a triple-A rating, and make them more attractive to

For most international banks the loss is marginal. Both Barclays and National Westminster suffered when they were downgraded last year but the difference will be almost invisible in their 1991 results, published at

the end of the month. In consequence, downgradings may cause turmoil in the debt market but they have little long-term impact on share prices. In most cases, a downgrade reflects problems at a bank that the market and City analysts have known about for months. On a few occasions a surprise downgrade causes a sudden fall in a share price, as happened to Credit Suisse, but this is often

corrected subsequently. Britain has one of the bestrated banking sectors in the world, well above the standards of America or Japan. Standard & Poor's rates Barclays and Natwest as AA+, its second highest rank-ing. Lloyds has not asked to be rated, but Midland, chaired by Sir Peter Walters, is still marked as an A bank despite successive down-

Investors would do better to examine the banks' imminent results.

Stock markets STOCK market followers, like drunks on lamp-posts, lean on many concepts to prove their pet theory about how to "read" the markets.

One fad more common in America than in London is the "January barometer", which suggests that as markets perform in the first month of the year, so they will have performed by year

Up in January, up over the year. Down in January, a If London and Wall Street

are any guide to what 1992 has in store, then the year will end with the stock market on higher ground. In London, the FT-SE 100

index started January at 2,493.1 and closed on January 31 at 2,571.2 - up 3.13 per cent.

'The Dow Jones started January at 3,168.83 and stood at 3,223.39 by month's end—a rise of 1.72 per cent. Followers of the January idea insist that it has worked in 35 out of the past 44 years, though more seasoned London analysts say that if markets have moved in January, then it has been because

Wall Street was on a strong run before Christmas, and continued rising as 1992 dawned. And there were the positive implications from interest rate cuts made by Japan and America around

of spill-overs from Christmas

The Prudential also traditionally takes its year's view of the market in January, and market orders from the Pru — be they buy or sell — have particular weight. Wall Street, meanwhile, is

being helped along by President Bush's attempts to get the American economy on the move. The London mar-March 10 Budget, and second for the date of the general election. On top of that, London is anxious about the impending cor-

porate reporting season.

Meanwhile, some investors are packing up their investment bags well ahead of the other old adage about selling in May, and going



Marked as an A: Sir Peter Walters, chairman of Midland Bank

STOCK MARKET

Investor indifference leaves shares drifting

A SENSE of apathy has begun to affect the investmentmaking decisions of the big City institutions, leaving the equity market to fend for itself. Once again, share prices spent much of the day drifting on lack of interest despite a resilient performance overnight on Wall Street, where prices continued to make headway. But investors in London failed to draw any inspiration from events across the Atlantic and, instead, seemed bogged down by the continued recession and the uncertain political

The Budget is weeks away and it looks as if most fund managers are choosing to keep their powder dry, rather than commit themselves to further investments. Any support that has been seen, has been concentrated on the top 100 shares.

This enabled the FT-SE 100 index to claw back a fall of almost 12 points to finish 3.4 down at 2,556.8 in thin turnover that saw only 468 million shares traded.

But government securities made the most of weaker European bond markets to finish with gains of £2 at the

Vodafone, the mobile telephone network operator. climbed 8p to 342p, helped by a recommendation from UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, which is excited about prospects for the group. It points out that the number of new subscribers has begun to

Resters enjoyed an early mark-up, touching £11.48, ahead of full-year figures this month. The price finished 13p lower at £11.26. Granada was another weak

spot, losing 4p at 219p, as the possible implications of the sudden departure of David Plowright as head of the television division began to be

Kingfisher fell 6p to 529p with City chartists telling dients that it was time to take

Rosehaugh, the property developer, might have been forced to its knees by news of hefty losses, but it still seems capable of attracting investment support with the price

adding 14p to 7p in active

FT-SE INDEX (*E2557)

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trading. There has been talk 290p on learning that the of a bid from one of the big Japanese property companies had quashed an order for the looking to expand its London company to pay back \$44

European Court of Justice

Racal Electronics, which shrugged off an unwanted bid from Williams Holdings, jumped 4p to 51p as almost 30 million shares changed hands. This revival was sparked by one buyer paying 49p for a parcel of 2.5 million shares from the Inter-Dealer Broker. The speculators are licking their lips at the prospect of another predator stalking the company before the proposed demerger of Chubb in May.

portfolio. Stanhope, its million worth of sweetners it USM-quoted joint venture received from the governpartner, rose 4p to 29p. British Aerospace jumped 11p to 1988. James Wilkes, the en-

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gineer, held steady at 182p, after rejecting the £36.6 mil-lion bid, made by Petrocon. the engineer and surveyor, which was unchanged at 46p.

Medeva, the pharmaceutical group, finished Ip lighter at 273p amid speculation that the company might be on the lookout for further suitable acquisitions. Medeva has been as high as 283p. Some dealers believe the group will try to take advantage of this recent strength either to launch a rights issue, or issue more

Eurotsanel lost ground, falling 15p to 445p, after reports from France that the group might try to reach a compromise with the project's consortium of Anglo-French contractors. TML, by issuing extra shares.

There were signs of support at long last for TI Group as the price responded with a

poor light. But County Nat-West WoodMac has countered this by claiming TI's accounting practices stand comparison with its peers. It says investors should, instead, concentrate on the strong earnings growth prospects for 1993 and beyond. County is impressed by TI's management and says it has assemb-led a group of businesses that have already proven their

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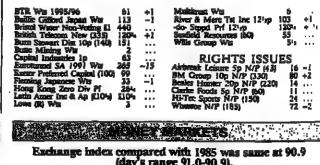
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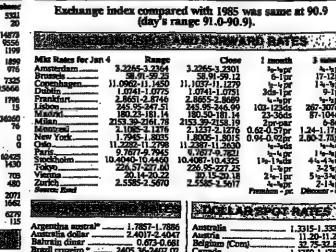
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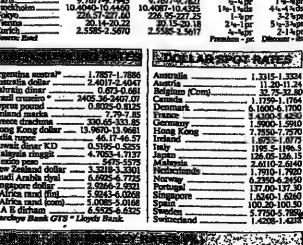
New York — The Dow Jones industrial average rose 12.75 points to 3,246.87 in latemorning trading, helped by comments from Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve American economic performance had been disappointing but he believed Fed monetary easing was enough to turn the economy round. (Reuter)

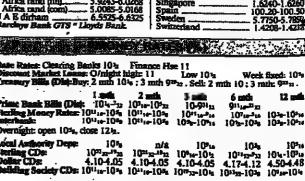


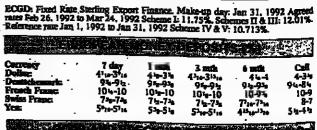
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CONTROL COMMENT

Throwing rocks in power's pool

othing could highlight better the absurdities of the privatised electricity industry than the threat by big industrial users to refuse to pay the 11 per cent nuclear levy on their bills. That is, naturally, the reason for this somewhat childish threat. This equivalent of a poll tax rebellion worked once in the days of nationalisation but sits ill in a world of private, commercial contracts. The levy to the state-owned nuclear generating industry, though hated, is merely a handle to complain about a prospective 25 per cent rise in bulk electricity bills due to the rise in the smoothed average pool price of electricity, which is largely down to the commercial behaviour of National Power and PowerGen.

Sympathy for the big users, who may find themselves fighting an unequal battle against continental rivals enjoying privileged cheaper suppliers, should be tempered by their lack of nous in contract negotiations. Few had much idea how the pool would operate. Lord Marshall of Goring, former chairman of the CEGB did, as probably does Lord Hanson, the suitor of PowerGen. Users who welcomed direct contracts with the big generators were clearly not among that small number. The argument that they should pay less for power through the pool than the distribution companies owes too much to hindsight.

The risks brought by competition were bound to increase the required rate of return on new power station projects, especially those being developed by the new independents. What had not been realised was that, even in a recession, the big companies had the market power to sustain or push prices up to something like the long-run marginal costs of new station, including the required higher rate of return on capital. This is, indeed, the paradox of competition. To gain the undoubted and already visible benefits in pressure on both capital and operating costs, newcomers have to be enticed in by returns greater than those needed overall by the traditional generators with written down plant.

In the short run, demand for electricity is somewhat insensitive to price, so the big generators have been closing down old plant to make sure there is no surplus, thus justifying their own new efficient gas-powered station projects. They no longer have obligations to supply at fixed prices. About 5 gigawatts, something like 8 per cent of usable capacity, has either been closed down or is on the way out. If the big companies were broken up, as Stephen Littlechild, the industry's regulator, has threatened, these old coal-fired stations would not be closed. Their operating costs are relatively high, but capital costs are written off so they could remain quite profitable at low prices were it not for the merit order system, taken over in the private pool, which brings in power from stations with the lowest operating costs first.

o achieve full competition, the big companies would need to be broken almost into individual units, so owners would not have a mix of old and new stations. Professor Littlechild is attempting a compromise of forcing the reluctant big companies to sell redundant power stations. The list of potential buyers might be limited. In any case, atomised competition would merely lead to an unstable and potentially violent cycle of prices and station building that would damage both industry and customers in the long run.

If the design for privatisation was severely flawed. there are therefore no magic structural solutions. Higher risk does require higher returns. Big users and generators will have to improve the system gradually by changing the relationship between contracts and pool prices so that the tail does not wag the dog. Eventually, new competitors, who have hardly yet got going, will help drive costs down.

EC free market champions fight for upper hand against intervention

As the commission

meets to settle its

budget, George Brock examines the forces

seeking to shape

industrial policy

n the closing minutes of the European Community's Mass-men summit in December, 12 weary leaders knuckled down to the intractable problem of the treaty's clauses on "industrial policy". The draft text in front of them bore the marks of hand-to-hand fighting between governments.

Britain and The Netherlands would have been happy to drop the clauses, but had settled for watering them down as far as possible. France had proposed, less than a week after Mrne Edith Cresson became prime minister last May, a version that would have licemed the EC commission to subsidise selected European firms of strategic importance and to create a European equivalent of America's legal weapons for bilater-

Fierce opposition from northern capitals and exhaustive redrafting blocked most of that protectionist danger, but John Major told the meeting at Maastricht that Britain would like the further insurance of having industrial questions decided by unanimity, preserving a national veto. Rund Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister and summit chairman, then listed each other country in turn. All were in favour of majority voting. President Mitterrand of France was particularly scornful of Britain's attempt to defy the majority. Mr Major repeated his obction. Mr Lubbers promptly said that Mr Major's wish for unanimity would prevail. "That makes it com-pletely safe," said one satisfied Dutch official last week.

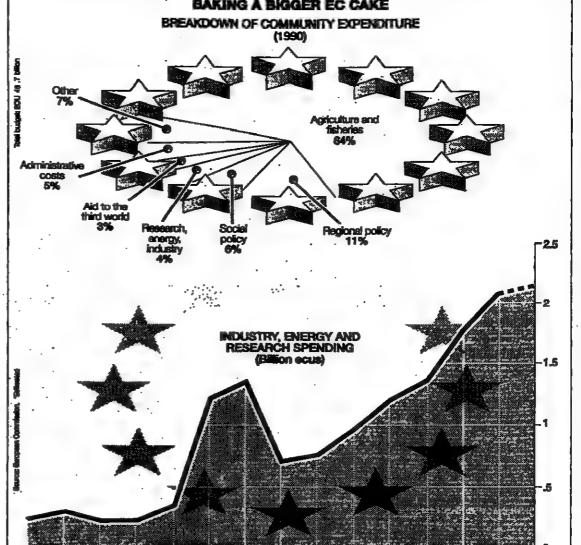
The word socialism is not often heard in Brussels nowadays, and it certainly was not being used yester-day by John Smith and his Labour party colleagues when they called on various EC commissioners, just in case Labour has to handle Britain's scheduled presidency of the EC in the second half of the year. Howev er, the EC is a cockpit where compet-ing versions of capitalism now fight for supremacy and industrial policy

questions never really go away.

The conditions in which the BC the key item on the commission's agenda today, as the Community's executive ties up details of an agenda and budget for the next five years.

The endless struggle to prevent governments slipping money to ailing industrial giants was also back in the headlines yesterday as the European Court of Justice delivered its final verdict on the "sweeteners" paid by the British government to British Aerospace to ease the sale of Rover - a judgment received with some annoyance by Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, who first spotted what he judged to be a hidden state subsidy

Dirigistes did not enjoy the Eight-



ies. The global fashion for deregulation, the lowering of trade barriers before the single market deadline at the end of this year and the muscuiar growth of the EC's own competition policy created a powerful liberalising thrust. However, loss of markets to Japanese competitors particularly in the car and electronics industries — and the prospect of national protection in some member states having to be scaled down in

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Pressures are renewed for measures to create new shelters for firms shivering in the winds of world competition

the single European market have renewed the pressures for pan-European measures to create new shelters for firms shivering in the winds of world competition. The recession much of the Community has tensified that pressure.

Mme Cresson's government has been trying to show Brussels the way arranging marriages between rge French corporations. The proposed merger between the loss-making electronics group Thomson and the profitable national nuclear energy giant will, says Alain Gomez. Thomson's head, "fill the gap left by neo-liberal theories" in Bruss

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The latest attempt to fill the gap has come from the subde and relentless pen of Jacques Delors, the com-mission's president. Over the past few months, M Delors has floated some draft texts before his colleagues, which have suggested ex-panding and redirecting both the research and training budgets to-wards ensuring the "competitivity" of European industry. In three years time on present trends, there will be no European firms competing in some industries, M Delors said in an impassioned speech at

what we must let happen? That is the battle in Europe," he added.

Like almost all of the commission's debates over economic philosophy, this duel is between M Delors and Sir Leon Brittan, the senior British commissioner. Sir Leon has pointed out that in the days of proliferating cross-border mergers, nobody can agree on what a "Euro-pean firm" is in the first place. M Delors wishes to direct funds towards four sectors under threat from outside competition: cars, electronics, textiles and the conversion of defence industries. There is no dispute - nor is there likely to be

much subsequent dispute among

governments - that research and training resources should be beefed up. The research budget will probably reach £3.5 billion by 1997. The argument is over the terms on which the money should be spent.

M Delors wants the EC to make an explicit commitment to helping the four endangered industries - a so-called "sectoral" approach, which EC ministers refused to take when they last looked at the issue

The commission is as keen to interfere in industry as any member government if the climate is propitious

towards the end of last year. M Delors' opponents at the end of last month included not only Sir Leon but, less predictably, a number of the commissioners from southern EC states who did not like the drift of

The way that the rules for researching and training grants are written will have a crucial effect for years on the directions in which the money flows. Commissioners Manuel Marin of Spain, Greece's Vasso Papandreou and Filippo Pandolfi of

Italy fear that guidelines will favour large northern companies with the lobbying power to make off with the largest grants. The meeting came to no conclusion and M Delors delivered a furious rebuke to those who seemed ready to leave Europe's strategic industries in the hurch.

Take a fashionable research topic in an ailing industry: the quest for sion officials would like to see sizeable EC funds devoted to helping the quest to perfect "lean-burn" engines, which are more efficient and less polluting. This proposal sounds, on the surface, to be open to all comers in the Community. However, there are probably only ten car makers in Europe with the scientific resources to mount such research. Holding the juicy prospect of large grants comes close to "sectoral" aid to specifically targeted companies and economies. In practice, much of the money would go to Renault, Peugeot and Fiat, the three European car-makers that have fallen behind in clean engine research. Audi and Volkswagen, who are much further ahead, might not qualify for help but might also feel that their competitive edge was being attacked

The abstruse debates over budget figures and legal texts will continue for years. After the commission releases its outline budget and programme for 1993-7 on February 11, there will be longer annexes to follow and implementing directives after that. Battles over rival interpretations will continue. The advocates of open and equal competition, who just about have the upper hand at the moment, will continue to watch for attempts by the sector-boosters to slip through operating aid to impor-

One commission official said: This is often the way that the rot has set in in the past. The real intention to subsidise has wafted in later because a loosely drawn text left the possibility open." Others think that the commission itself is as keen to interfere in industry as any member government if the climate

While the recurrent debates are complex, they are also about a simple matter of economic philosophy. is the EC a referee first and foremost, ensuring that the playing field of competition is kept level and open to the outside world? Or is the EC's principal responsibility to create an industrial power to compete s the world's other trade blocs? The Community's governments

and the Brussels commission lie across the fault line that divides these competing ideas. Which view will prevail is by no means yet a foregone conclusion. My bet would be that M Delors cannot sway enough support to alter significantly the free-market changes of the

One commission official reflected yesterday: "He really does think that the Japanese are cleaning us out and he wants to do something about it, but in his heart of hearts he knows that he can't use the Community to prop up dinosaurs."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Kelsey rows over to SNC

WHILE it will always be known for its jobbing links, Smith New Court is rapidly making a name for itself as a corporate finance house. After being appointed joint brokers last week with Rowe & Pitman to the flotation of MFI, probably the largest issue the market will see this year, the firm's corporate financiers have scored another coup by hiring Alan Kelsey, former head of research at Kitcat & Aitken. Kelsey, aged 42, joins from RBC Dominion Securities where he set up and ran a corporate finance arm, and has strong links with transport companies from his days as an analysi, where he was top-rated in the sector for 13 years. He has found himself among many familiar faces from Kitcat days, including Clive Anderson and Mark Laurence, both of whom cover the transport sector. "I led a rowing eight at Kitcat and Clive was one of them," says Kelsey, "but he was a some-

Bad timing

The City Diary award for impeccable timing this week goes to John Olsen of Shandwick Consultants, the City PR company, who wrote to a colleague inviting him to lunch with Tony McCann, chief executive of Astra Holdings, the munitions company once linked to the Iraq supergun affair. "I imagine that you are fairly well aware of the Astra saga to date," he writes. Tony is entertaining company, and 1992 should be the year when things at



"Now they all want sweeteners"

Astra start moving forward again." He was wrong. The company has gone into receivership with debts of £50

Slippery partner

Fire-eater Leo Hudson, 40, has found that hiring a partner can help in the recession. Trade has hotted up to record levels since he began to wear Boris, a 7ft python, round his neck Leo, from Derbyshire, is now able to charge £200 a show and is thinking of export work, provided the snake can slide through

Friend of Romania ORPHANS in Romania are about to get a powerful helping hand from the heart of the Square Mile. Philip Dayer, formerly of ANZ, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Hill Samuel, has just been appointed head of corporate finance at Société Générale. And later this month, he takes on the role of treasurer

of the Romanian Orphanage Trust, run by George Younger, former minister of deence and chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Dayer, a chartered accountant, joined Hill Samuel in 1978 and spent six years there before joining BZW. At ANZ Grindlays he was head of corporate finance. The Romanian trust has raised more than £8 million since it was set up 18 months ago.

IN THEIR never-ending

quest to woo shoppers back into their stores, British retailers may care to take a lesson from their counterparts in America. Take the following notice, spotted by a City Diary reader in a toy shop in San Francisco: I Please touch the merchan-

Have a nice sale

2 Feel free to play with everything in the store (except the employees). 3 If you break it . . . relax, we

know you didn't mean to. 4 Food and drinks allowed -5 No shoes, no shirt, no

6 Our toys carry a lifetime guarantee ... the life of the toy, not yours. 7 All sales are final (more or

8 Most importantly, our employees have been instructed not to say "Have a nice day".

Samuel in port

THE Clyde Port Authority sell-off has thrown up an alternative buyer. John Mather has already put in a manage-ment bid for the company, with its potentially valuable 450 square miles of riverside commercial space. But Bill

Samuel, the Glasgow entrepreneur, has also shown an interest. Although Samuel remains secretive about any involvement in Clyde Port his coyness is thought to be prompted by conditions laid down by the government. He was chairman of Motherwell Football Club, for four years in the Seventies, and built up a fortune through steel stock holding companies in Wishaw, Strathclyde - which he then sold to British Steel and Regis & Regis, his adventurous property development

Plain sailing

SIMON Irwin, the top ranked oil analyst who left Kleinwort Benson in September to sail round the world, has adapted to life at sea remarkably well. Irwin, formerly a member of KB's allstars team, who set off for the Canaries on White Gold II, a 36ft yacht, with the help of his friend James Woosnam, a computer consultant, has been tracked down to Curacao in the Dutch Antilles where he has been living it up after a successful Atlantic crossing. The pair took part in the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers from the Canaries to St Lucia in the Caribbean and came in ninth out of 125 boats. They were also second in their class. "We even won the Outstanding Achievemem award, though I don't know how," says Woosnam, who plans to push on through the Panama canal en route to Australia. "Far better than stockbroking," he adds. The

JON ASHWORTH

pair hope to reach the Sey-

chelles in the Indian Ocean

Catalogue of breakdowns

From Mr Raymond Wergan Sir, My recent experience of high street rubbish substantiates Mrs Sanders' letter (Jan-

In the past few weeks 1. A new dishwasher flooded the kitchen at its first operation due to a broken sump. 2. A new toaster caught fire after three weeks. Its replacement lasted ten days.

3. A food processor burnt out

after some 20 uses. 4. A major mail order com-pany took three-and-a-half months to deliver the TV and video recorder of my choice. In that time, they delivered two wrong TVs and one wrong video, all of which they had to come and collect.

If made and industry are grumbling about a recession, much of the problem is of their own making.

Yours faithfully. RAYMOND WERGAN. Milton Point, Yealm Road, Newton Ferrers, Plymouth.

Modern practice? From Mr Robert W. Tyler

Sir, The attitude of Lloyds Bank to their relationship with small companies and their admitted "unprofessional behaviour" in relation to the Forwell Group (February must make the small businessman who uses their facilities feel that he should look elsewhere for future support.

Their apparent high-handed and uncaring attitude in the present business dimate, as shown in Neil Bennett's report, appears to show an attitude of "I'm all right, Jack", we'll grab and let the employees and shareholders take the rap. Is this modern banking practice?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT W. TYLER, 8 Abboursmede Close. Twickenham, Richmond

Stamping feet in vain in the search for customer service

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From Mr David H. Walton Sir, I am told the recession is my fault for not spending.

I recently decided to buy an inexpensive pair of shoes, and in pursuit of this aim went to nine shoe shops. I chose times when the shops were not busy. Two shops I walked out of immediately as I object to buying anything in a disco. In all the other shops, whether in Oxford Street or Peterborough shopping mail, I had the same experience. Totally uninterested staff who obvious ly had no knowledge of their stock, and even less knowledge of the product they were obvi-

ously not selling. Their main object in life

From Mr T.F. Powys-Lybbe

(January 31) that mortgage tax relief should be phased out and the saving given to the rented market, thus equalising the tax benefit and giving a real choice between buying and renting.

He has obviously forgotten that owners of commercial property can charge 100 per cent of the interest that they pay on however much they borrow against their tax bill. Commercial property has been grossly subsidised by this means for decades now, compared with owner-occu-

The problems with the rentity that the current more sta-

pied property.

seems to stand talking to each other. They seemed, to a person, to be unable to lace a

It is apparent the directors of these companies get their shoes from bespoke lasts and only visit their own shops in company of a phalanx of

Yours truly, DAVID WALTON, 10 St Guthlac's Close, Crowland,

ed market have been unjustifiably low controlled rents on the one hand, making whole projects unprofitable, and excess borrowing in inflationary times that gave the impression of high profitabil-

man's shoe correctly, and not

once was a shoe lift volunteered before it was requested.

Whilst the shoe shops were my worst experience, similar experiences are found in other

Problems with the rented market

ble times have shown to be a Sir, I must protest strongly at Mr Neville Lee's assertion false method of operation. Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY POWYS-LYBBE, Rosewood, Church Road, Winkfield, Windsor. Berkshire.

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Auditing company accounts From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir, Following the Maxwell, BCCI and other scandals and

the subsequent investigations by the many prestigious firms of accountants, would it be idle to wonder what sort of audit was done of the accounts of these companies by the very same prestigious firms of accountants?

The Companies Acts require that certification of accounts must be based on a rigorous examination of the books and documents of accounts. Accountants can qualify their certificates and even refer anything they find wrong to the department of trade or even the Serious Fraud Office. But is there any

record that they do so? Would it be pertinent to ask whether the enormous fees they are paid for their audit certification blinds them to the possibility of wrong doing by their clients? Meanwhile, the news is that accountants and lawyers are going to be in the money for some years as a result of these scandals. How many more scandals are latent in certified accounts sent

to Companies House? Yours faithfully. JACK SHAPIRO, 100 Brim Hill, N2.

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Employers are having a say in Master of Business Administration courses. Michel Syrett explains

nyone wishing to study for a Master of Business Admin-. istration (MBA) degree cannot complain about lack of choice. The world's most popular general busi-ness qualification, the MBA is recognised in most developed countries and is seen by a growing number of managers as a passport to higher pay and better career prospects.

The number of institutions

offering MBAs in Britain has nearly doubled since 1985, from 47 to more than 80. There is no longer a "standard" MBA programme. European schools have been striving to narrow the disparity between the 70,000 MBA graduates produced every year in the United States from over 700 business schools and the 10,000 MBAs produced by schools elsewhere in the world. In the process, employers have been given a greater say in the content and design of pro-grammes — a lead North American schools are likely to

Business schools and their sponsoring organisations are united in thinking that the theory taught on MBA programmes will only benefit students if they can place it in the context of their work. Most schools now require candidates to have at least three years' work experience. Students are older, typically in their late twenties or early thirties, returning to postgraduate study in mid-career.

One consequence has been the huge rise in the number of part-time and distance learning courses, which enable managers to study for an MBA without leaving their jobs. In Britain, the popularity of this kind of programme has been marked. While the number of managers studying for full-time MBAs rose by just under a fifth in 1990, the increase was 37 per cent in part-time courses and 43 per cent in distance learning

But the changes do not stop there. During the last ten years, companies invested more resources in management development. They became sophisticated users of the services provided by management education specialists and started to question whether business schools were producing the right

kind of manager.

Their criticisms were reflected in a 1990 report

Companies are questioning whether schools are producing good managers

published by America's influential Graduate Management Admission Council, applies equally to many European schools. The report suggested that the curricula of business schools were not keeping up with changes in the business environment and lambasted institutions for constructing 'elegant, abstract models that seek to unify the world economic system rather than "frameworks to help students understand the messy, concrete reality of

international business". On both sides of the Atlantic, business schools have responded to the new agenda, set by their customers. Wharton School in Pennsylvania,

Columbia in New York and the London Business School have all recently redesigned the content of their full-time and part-time programmes, placing more emphasis on current business issues such as globalisation, managing quality, business ethics and managing change.

But European schools, particularly those in Britain, have gone further in allowing their client organisations to be directly involved in the running of their pro-grammes. At Ashridge Management College in Hertfordshire participants are asked to undertake a project directly linked to the strategic aims of their sponsoring company, such as a new product launch setting up a new business or reviewing a man-

ufacturing process.

Whereas MBA programmes such as Harvard's base their teaching methods on discussion and interaction between students on the programme, in the UK the Ashridge MBA puts more emphasis on the "learning partnership formed between the individual, the sponsoring company and the tutor. Students are supported by incompany mentors who work

with Ashridge tutors to moni-tor the individual's progress.

A similar approach is taken in the MBA programme of-fered by the newly launched Judge Institute at Cambridge University. The Cambridge MBA mixes on-campus tu-ition with work carried out on the company's premises. All participants must be sponsored and spend a lot of time in the workplace.

However, many European and American academics oppose company-based MBAs, tailored to the needs of a particular organisation. Prossor Errol Alexander, the



Biast-off: Professor Errol Alexander, formerly a manager on the Apollo moon landing and now director of Stirling University's MBA, pictured with his students

director of the Stirling University MBA, says: "They are oxymoronic, which means you are taking two things and creating a third that represents nothing; it is like a horse

designed by a committee."

Opportunities go on show

For two days Islington is the place to shop for a business course



TOMORROW and on Friday the Business De-sign Centre at Islington, north London, opens its doors for the MBA Fair. Anne-Marie Martin wiler.
The fair is one of the

interested in studying for a Master of Business Administration degree. Organised by the University of London Careers Advisory Service and the Association of MBAs and sponsored by The Times, the fair prorides an opportunity to compare the diversity of MBA degrees provided by business schools around the world. More than 1,700 people visited the first fair last year, and the

attendance to reach 3,000. Some of Britain's and Europe's best business schools will be exhibiting, including London Business School, Cranfield School of Management, the Open University, Insead in France, SDA Bocconi in Italy, and IESE in

organisers ex-

pect this year's

Spain.
The fair is also notable this year for the number of US business schools attending, including North Eastern University, Stern School of Business in New York, and George town University. For those who know nothing about business qualifications, the fair

troduction to the range of courses available. Those who have already researched the prelimi-paries but are keen to delve more deeply into the differences between pro-grammes will be able to pose questions in person to admission tutors and

academics.

The fair will be supported by a range of advisers and career councillors. The MBA graduate management admission test (GMAT) advice centre will discuss the importance of the GMAT exam and offer advice on its successful completion. Visitors interested in US programmes will be able to consult the Fulbright Commission's Educa-tional Advisory Service, experts in American post-

graduate study. The University of London's career advisers will be available on both days, counselling partici-pants on how they can present themselves well on paper and in face-to-face interviews.

There is also a comprehensive programme of seminars covering every aspect of management education. Brian Steptoe. the director of the University of London Careers Advisory Service, argues that the people who will benefit most from the fair are managers who have three years' work

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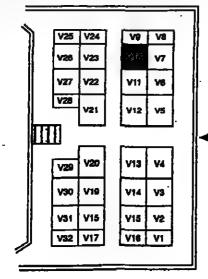


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shapes and sizes, and there is no formal agreement on what makes up an MBA course. However, there is consensus[about the minimum that should be included: accountancy, finince, human resource management, marketing, organisational behaviour, economics, quantitative methods, information management and probably some computertraining.
This is regarded as a core

programme and is usually compulsory, although some schools stidents to omit some courses, isually after a test. In addition programmes may offer elective it optional courses that can be grouped into a specialisationor spread across a range of subjects. These are more common in two-year programmer, though some one-year

MBAs offer them, too.
The full-time, two-year programme is the classic MBA and is the norm in the United States. One or two European schools. such as IESE in Barcelona, the London Business School and Rotterdam, School of Management, also follow this model. The total time spant on campus is usually

There is no point in distin-guishing MBA graduates from anyone else in the job

market now, according to Kay

Wher Ms Langley May first arrived at the business school six

years ato most of the students

went into the financial services

sector and after that the consultan-

cies associated with the big accounting firms. "Graduates would be picked up regardless of

The choice of MBA

schools maze?

Which course in

programme is

tricky. George Bickerstaffe offers

a guiding hand

between 18 and 21 months, with the first year spent studying core courses and the second studying optional courses.

Most students use the summer months to work in a company. known in the US as an internship, and schools usually help students to find such jobs. There is no obligation to do a summer job students may go on holiday if they wish — but an internship offers experience and perhaps job opportunities, as well as money.

The one-year, full-time pro-

gramme is almost as standard in Europe as the two-year programme is in the US. Although described as one year, they can vary from ten months (at Insead. Fontainebleau and IMD, Lausanne) to about 15 (at SDA Bocconi in Milan).

These courses may consist entirely of compulsory core courses or may include options. They are intensive and, some argue, do not cover subjects in as much depth as longer programmes. However, the workload can be much heavier. Many programmes also include an in-company consultancy project that may lead to a dissertation, essential to granting a master's degree at some schools.

Part-time programmes take place either in the evenings or at weekends. Some residential blocks, usually of a week, are often included. Generally these courses follow the same programme as the full-time version; students simply take longer to finish the programme, usually two or three

Studying part-time is a considerable chore, since it must be combined with an often demanding job. One student who recently graduated from London Business School's part-time MBA course says: "I would recommend anyone to do an MBA, but with a serious government health warning about doing it part-time."

Whatever the type of MBA programme a student chooses, he or she can be sure that it will mean extremely hard work, designed to reflect the real pressures of work-



Tough at the top: a student works out in the London Business School's gym.

enormous volume of knowledge students are expected to absorb. Schools vary tremendously in size. Insead, for example, takes in 450 students a year (in two equal intakes) and is planning to increase this. Students are put into class groups of about 60 or 70. At

intake is only between 60 and 80 students. Schools in the UK are generally somewhere between these two. Most US schools are much bigger. Harvard, for example, enrols 1,600 students a year. Women remain in a minority on

MBA programmes. Elizabeth Me-Cormick, director of MBA admis-

sions at IESE in Barcelona, says that women make up about 20 per cent of applicants and students.

George Bickerstaffe is author of Which MBA? A Critical Guide to the World's Best Programmes, published by the Economist Intel-ligence Unit

has just produced a new place-ments guide for recruiters. It is bringing in external counsellors to

The school also works closely with its partners on the Continent. More than half the British-based MBA graduates on their joint programme with Lyons University have found jobs in France.

Professor Murray and Ms Langley May both say the profile of available jobs has changed. Finance and consulting, traditionally the biggest employers of MBAs, are now giving way to information technology and manufacturing. Insead's figures bear this out. Last year, 14 per cent more students went into industry than in the previous year.

At the very least, Professor Murray says, the recent developments in the job market may "help to rectify the reputation for arrogance from which MBA grad-

Help for the loan rangers

THE Association of MBAs has run a business school loan scheme for students since 1969. The scheme is open to full or part-time students (but not to distance learning students) and is administered by the association on behalf of Barclays and the National Westminster banks.

The terms, which are generous. must represent a significant cost to the lenders. Meurig Hughes of Barclays describes it as a loss leader, and last year the two other major clearing banks left the

Both banks offer a maximum repayment period of seven years, starting three months after completion of the course. Repayment is at 2.5 per cent above base rate. Barclays charges an interest rate of 6 per cent below base rate during the course, and for three months afterwards. The National Westminster charges 4 per cent below base rate during the course

and for a year afterwards.

To be eligible you must have a place on a master's course on the association's approved list. The association also requires a minimum of two years' work experience and a first degree, although certain professional qualifica-tions, such as in chartered accountancy, may be considered. Otherwise the minimum work experience is five years.

The maximum loan generally available to full-time students is two-thirds of present or last salary (plus tuition fees) for each year of

study.

The decision to apply for a loan should not be taken lightly. Anne Kiely of Barclays Bank always warns applicants that they will see a decline in their standard of living almost immediately. "It is an enormous commitment, almost like taking out another

mortgage," she says.

Barclays puts no ceiling on overseas loans but the amounts can be significant. Fees for the first year of a programme at Wharton, for example, one of the leading US business schools, are \$17,750 (just under £10,000) and double this at Insead in France.

although the course is shorter. For many, the only way to afford to go on an MBA programme is by taking advantage of the loan

The job world is no oyster

Langley May, placements officer at the City University Business hundreds of applications for each School. There is a recession on, jobs are scarce. It is affecting every vacancy from people of the same area," he says. City University may be feeling the pinch more than met because of its location. standard. It would be a mistake now to do an MBA in order to

make a career change."
Richard Boggis-Rolfe, the managing director of NB Selection. agrees that the premium now is paid for real experience and not for qualifications. "What is more." he says, "an MBA will never make a poor candidate a good one, or even look like a good one. Nor

their original background," she should it ever be seen as a panacea. However, in today's market, Now the process is different.
"People are being picked particuan MBA is something which may help to distinguish one candidate from another. You have to rememlarly for their previous work experience," she says, "rather than their qualifications. It is an ember that there will always be some employers who will positively dis-criminate against MBAs — they ployers' market: they are getting

An MBA alone is not enough to open the

corporate door, Clare Hogg reports

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think they smack too much of the academic rather than the commercial approach. On the other hand, in my business, for example, where there are no professional qualifications, an MBA is an

Mr Boggis-Rolfe says that from a job-hunting point of view the selection of the business school is as important as the qualification itself. Employers distinguish between schools with good and bad reputations; so do the students. A lot of the value of going to business school is in the network of

opportunities it affords: the better schools offer a means of introduction to better future contacts.

Leo Murray, the director of Cranfield School of Management, agrees that the competition for MBA standard jobs has increased exponentially, and says that this is not purely because of the recession. "There has been a proliferation over the last five years of business schools of variable quality, so there are many more people in the job market with an MBA qualification," he says. "In addition, the demise of the middle

management stratum in many organisations is leading to the MBA graduate having to compete with a flood of older, more experienced candidates." Professor Murray does not nec-

sarily see these changes as all bad. They do mean, he says, that "MBAs are having to work harder at focusing and directing their efforts. They cannot just sit back and wait for offers to come flooding in." He believes that the quality schools are still finding placements for their students: of Cranfield's September 1991 output, 80 per cent have jobs.

"Both the school and the students are having to become much more professional in their approach," he explains. Cranfield



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Morag Batchelor, a student at Henley Management College, says: "It's a useful way to study. You can integrate it into your job. You can take the modules in the order which is most beneficial."

For those who cannot commit themselves to regular study times, the distance learning MBA is really the only possibility, and this means that many students tend to be highly mobile, and many are expatriates.

Stephanie Stray, an academic director at Warwick University, explains that there is another advantage to distance learning. "As people go through a course they can actually apply it — they get a better idea of the application of the material," she says.

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MBA courses, a small num-

Clare Hogg reports on the advantages of distance learning

The three largest providers the student may chose one of of distance learning programmes are the Onen University. Henley Management College and Warwick University, but of the three the Open University has made the biggest impact on the market. It accounts for about an eighth of all new enrolments, and more than a third of those enrolling for distance learning, an impressive achievement for a school which launched its course only three years ago. The minimum age is 27 and graduates can take

an accelerated route. It is not surprising that the programme is popular, it has an innovative content, devised largely by the Open Business School dean, Andrew Thomson

"The programme, which costs £5,700, is composed of two base courses: the competent manager, which takes up to 440 hours, the equivalent of a full university year, and the strategic manager, which takes 220 hours. After that, years is the maximum. All-

The programme provided by Henley has international appeal. Of Henley's 6,000 students only about half are based in Britain. Over a decade ago the school started looking for partners abroad. initially in the Far East, and then in Europe. The latest bulk order comes from The University of the German Armed Forces.

n March 1990, the first intake was mostly from the air force, but the course is now available to commercial students from hie German employers like Siemens and Daimler-Benz.

The Henley programme costs £5.950, takes three years and requires an average of ten hours' work a week. A two-year intensive option is also available

The course at Warwick can take longer. Three to four years is the average, eight

cight-day seminar each

Warwick is unusual in that it has only one MBA course for all its students, so it is possible to begin the course as a full-time student, and change to part-time or distance learning, or any combination. The total distance learning course of 12 units and a written project costs

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In-company MBAs have little value elsewhere, says Marion Devine

Tailored may not be best

ber are being given an opportunity to embark on company-based MBAs. While these qualifications offer valuable benefits, manpartnership to create flexible and relevant work-based qualifications. Since then, criticism of

in most tailored courses

because they enable managers from diverse businesses to

Single-company MBAs

continue to attract fierce op-

position, however, not just

from business schools but

also from managers them-

selves. In a survey of 633 managers holding MBAs, for example, the British Institute

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In future, managers may

well change their minds about tailored MBAs if businesses are more successful in

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agers should be aware that tailored qualifications has bein-company MBAs are not come more qualified. In paralways valued so highly as ticular, consortium-based open MBAs. company MBAs, offered by Some tailored MBAs are such institutions as Warwick University and City Univer-sity Business School, have criticised for their quality and range and in a small number now gained widespread acof cases have failed to win proper validation. If this is ceptance and respect. These the case, the MBA is virtually programmes are seen to overcome the problem of narrowworthless outside the manager's company. ness and insularity endemic

The introduction of company-based qualifications ini-tially provoked controversy, even hostility, among businesses and academic institutions. Opponents argued that these qualifications lacked the same academic rigour, weight and breadth as traditional MBA courses. Supporters of in-company MBAs argued that schools were simply being territorial and arrogant, rejecting an approach that forced them to work with

businesses in a more equal

trail by its ambitious attempt to run an international MBA programme for 18 of its middle managers, operating in 13 different countries. In conjunction with Henley Management College, the bank has grouped the MBA managers into three informal regional support groups, based in Britain, Africa and the Middle East, and the Asia/Pacific region. Managers have been supplied with

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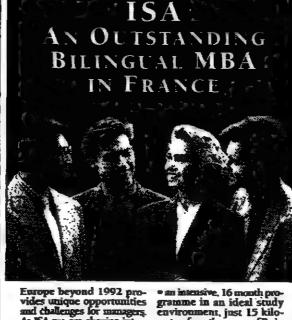
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Careers spoilt by choice

Be sure to pick the right school. writes George Bickerstaffe

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ncreasingly, there is one thing to be said about an MBA degree: it does not matter that you have one; what counts is where you got it.

The United States produces at least 70,000 MBA graduates a year and the rest of the world perhaps another 10,000, so the MBA degree is not as exclusive as it once was.

The problem is that this growth is not being supplied by the top schools, in the US or in Europe. The British market is fragmented, with the top five schools having 20 per cent of the students between them.

Anyone considering an MBA must try to get into the best school possible. But which are the best schools and how can prospective students sort out the wheat from the chaff? Answering that question is difficult in Britain because there are now more than 80 institutions, many offering several varieties of MBA programmes.

One way to give students, and recruiters, some guide to quality in the jungle of competing programmes and schools would be a system of accreditation requiring cer-

sk a cross-section of people how they would describe a person with an MBA - assuming they know what it is - and an unilattering picture emerges.

"Brash" is the comment of Anne Dickson, a records management consultant. "Arrogant" is how Antoinette Pirie, a registrar in public health, sees them. "MBAs taik in jargon," says Liz Kelly,

who runs her own company. Typically, an Eighties MBA is seen as an ambitious member of an elite business club, and male. But the image is changing. The MBA's sex, for a start. Ten years ago, virtually no women in Britain were doing a business management degree. year more than a quarter of graduates will be

However, the MBA is no longer the golden key to a years as a nursing lecturer glittering business career. In today's tough market it will not even guarantee you an

Which

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tain minimum standards. Proposals for such a scheme have been made in Europe. without any real progress made. Most of the bigger (and better) schools argue accreditation would mean lower standards.

Seven factors should be taken into account when choosing a school: pro-gramme content; size and culture; facilities; faculty; location; internationalism; and published surveys, and rankings. Prospective students should try to make an assessment on each criterion. The first three are covered elsewhere in this report; as are cost and financing, other important factors.

Any business school is only

cribed magical properties.

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graduate on the fast-track promotion ladder but it could

transform the most unprom-

Ms Kelly, who set up The

Pretty Young Company, an

environmentally-friendly

nappy concern, after doing an MBA course at Strath-

clyde University, says people

should have more realistic

expectations."Having an MBA won't change your per-

sonality or turn an engineer into a merchant banker," she

says. "Some students would

benefit more from a course on

Ms Kelly spent several

interpersonal relationships."

and health board manager

and feels that maturity and

experience help to get the best

No Question.

The Warwick MBA

out of the MBA course.

ising material.

as good as its teaching faculty, and good faculties are in short supply. Doctoral programmes, which are the main source of new teachers, cannot keep up with the boom in management

It is important to choose a business school that is appropriate to you and your aspira-tions, not just one that comes top in all the surveys. The same applies to internationalism, the current buzz word in business school circles. Most schools claim to be international, but is that what you want? If you are determined to stay put in a non-international job, then a leading regional or national school

Brash image changes

Ms Pirie, who trained as an

obstetrician, agrees that an

MBA builds on existing

skills." It's difficult to change career directions completely."

she says. "Most people move

back into the area that they

knew before. I wanted to

combine my medical experi-

to do an MBA, and do they

get their money's worth? Jo-

anne Reardon, coming from

an arts background and a theatre administration job,

was looking for a change of

career direction. At Aston University in Birmingham she found her fellow students

Many schools demand proficiency in mathematics, es-

pecially, calculus, and objective tests of fluency in English for non-native speakers. The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) - a three-and-a-half hour test of verbal and quantitative reasoning - is increasingly a prerequisite of minimizator

Every US school, except Harvard, requires it and so do most European schools. Several schools insist on a minimum score on the test, and top schools will not accept a score below 550-600. The test takes place four times a year, in January, March, June and October in centres around the world.

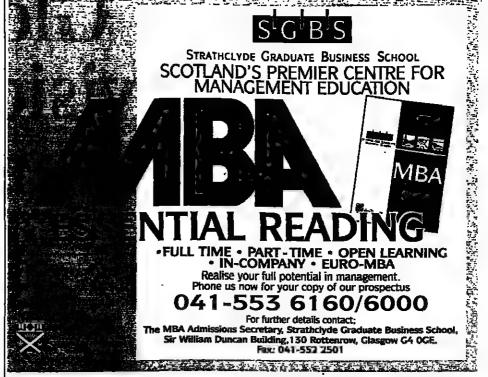
Even a good application form and high GMAT score do not guarantee a place. Business schools are paying increasingly close attention to personality and previous work experience, because experienced managers in the lassroom significantly enrich both the teaching and

learning experiences.
One final point it is wise to submit applications well ahead of the deadline set by schools. Practices vary, but you should assume that schools begin filling their class lists from the moment they start to receive applications. It is not unusual for top schools to have filled their lists well ahead of deadlines.

nise my thoughts, which is useful when planning a play," she says.

Does an MBA qualification change your life? Without it, Joanne Reardon thinks she would still be in theatre management on a lowly salary; Liz Kelly might have a safe job and a pension; and Antoi-nette Pirie would probably be doing clinical medicine.

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school is not easy. Applica-

tions outnumber places and

most schools pride themselves

on their selectivity. Applying

to a business school is rather

like a two-way beauty contest.

Both applicant and school are

looking for the best. As such,

The admission procedure is fairly standardised and is

usually based on a daunting

application form. Apart from

personal details, the form is

likely to seek academic and

work records and references,

plus two or three short essay

questions designed to elicit

something of the applicant's

personality and attitudes (generally the most difficult

part of the form). Some

The financial side of the

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she shone in marketing stud-

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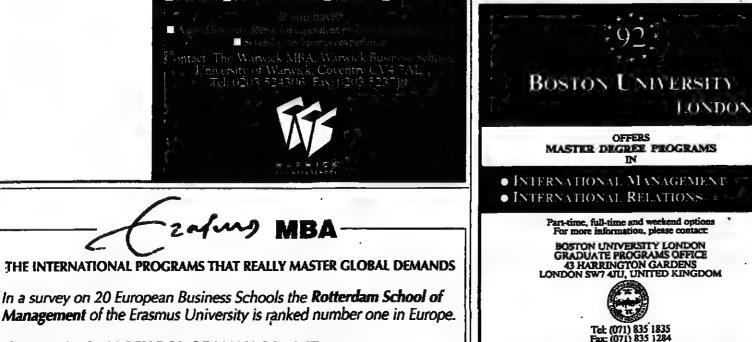
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Michel Syrett on the importance of internationalising MBA courses

around the world are stepping up efforts to make their MBA programmes more in-ternational to meet the needs of their increasingly multinational clients.

European schools have traditionally led the way. The two schools seen as genuinely international are IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland, and Insead at Fontainebleau in France, which was founded in 1958 in the wake of the Treaty of Rome to serve an emerging pan-European

Insead's 80 permanent teaching staff reflect its international perspective. They come from Europe, North America, Turkey, India, Tunisia, South Korea, Israel, Egypt and New Zealand. A similar mix of nationalities is found among the students. This year and last, 460 students from 41 countries were

ortunately, it is not an immutable law that

America are automatically emulated in Europe. MBA managers in Britain should

not be upset to learn that the supply of graduates is up in the United States but de-

mand is down as corporate

recruiters accuse business

schools of losing touch with

competitive standard. It is no

longer good enough to try

trends which begin in

admitted to the MBA programme.

IMD has a similar spread

of nationalities among its teaching staff and students. Formed in 1990 from a merger of two independent schools in Switzerland, it has a reputation built on the quality of its courses for senior executives rather than graduates. This is now changing. Last year IMD decided to increase its MBA numbers from 65 in 1992 to 120 in 1993.

Other European business schools are closing the gap. London Business School is seen by many employers as in the same league as Insead and IMD: 60 per cent of its MBA students come from overseas and the programme has been redesigned to emphasise international management. Foreign visits will play a key role in tuition. Cranfield School of ManOn course: students at Insead, set up in 1958 to serve an emerging pan-European business community

standing by setting up a joint MBA programme with the French business school Groupe ESC Lyon. This enables bilingual students to study at both schools and to receive the MBAs of both universities. SDA Bocconi, the leading Italian school, offers a bilingual MBA programme and a Masters course in international economics and management to prepare young managers for ernational careers.

creased its international

Until recently, US schools were seen as somewhat parochial in their outlook. Geoffrey Heal, vice-dean of the Graduate Business School at Columbia University. New York, says: "Globalisation has become a big issue in the United States. Outside the activities of the major multinationals, our managers know very little about identifying overseas markets and collaborating with foreign style of teaching.

Columbia made giobalisation a priority when it redesigned its MBA programme last year. Every core course is now taught from an international perspective.

partners."

Harvard Business School has not sat on its laurels either. More than a quarter of

its 1,600 MBA students come from other countries and, like Columbia and counterparts in Europe, the school is researching new international case study material: discussion of case studies lies at the heart of Harvard's distinctive

Now that countries from the Pacific rim form an increasingly important eco-nomic block, business schools on both sides of the Atlantic are investing more resources teaching materials and field visits that offer insights into the business strategies of Japanese, Korean and South-

MBA students of Insead benefit from the work of its Euro Asia Centre, set up on campus in 1980, which offers research and management education to a network of more than 100 companies.

Western managers' interest in Asia has also benefited the University of Hong Kong's business school, which has been running a three-year part-time MBA course since 1976. Po Chung, chairman of DHL Hong Kong, and Simon Murray, managing director of Hutchinson, recently visited the university and enjoyed being interrogated by well-briefed students.



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Fit to fight the trade war As business gets tougher, so the

and do it by cheerful ama-teurism," a view with which industrialists and politicians of all parties agree.

The number of institutions offering MBAs has almost doubled in a decade, and is slowly changing the face of industry and commerce.

According to Roger Mc-Cormick, director of the Asso-ciation of MBAs, there is no Schools, universities and polytechnics have fine-tuned their MBA programmes to give them what they hope will be an edge over their rivals. This competition helps the would-be graduate, whose design of that happening in the UK. Business is becoming tougher and will get rougher as the full impact of a barrierfree Europe entwines with growing global competition. He believes an MBA "is the cision to become an MBA is often one of the most imporformal tool kit you need to be tant financial commitments a manager of international he or she will make.

Many students are fortu-nate in being financed by

need for qualifications grows their companies, while others

commit themselves to spending up to £18,000 to become qualified.

One way to assess a management school is to examine its relationship with industry. a test passed with ease by Southampton University. which has one of the highest industrial funding ratios in the UK.

Michael Northcott, a depudirector, who moved to Southampton from ICI, insists that MBA courses are essential to improve the comers. The Southampton management school, which works closely with IBM, offers a choice of programmes airped at meeting students' specific needs.

Wolverhampton Polytechnic business school has a close relationship with British Gas and Birmingham City Council. The polytechnic offers credits towards business qualifications against in-house company training, and has fully validated, customised courses leading to certificates, diplomas and MBAs. Next month it will use its modular certificate scheme to provide access for Russian managers to a structured management development programme.

At Stirling University, Er-

rol D. Alexander, who directs the international MBA programme, considers the course he oversees to be the toughest in Britain. "We have students who have have been accepted at other internationally recognised business schools, who have chosen to come here instead because they know of our world-class com-

Although many of the lesser-known business schools will prosper through quality, innovation and effort, Mr McCormick believes there may be too many and argues the need for fewer, better resourced establishments.

The big players, Man-chester Business School, London Business School, Ashridge, Henley, Cranfield, Warwick and others need not fear a repetition of the American experience, though others may need to assess trends.

Ray Wild, principal of Henley Management College, says. "This is perhaps the most diverse market in the educational world. Trying to satisfy too many needs, or not being clear about which are to be pursued, are the most common causes of mediocrity. It is essential that all parties know who is doing what and for whom."

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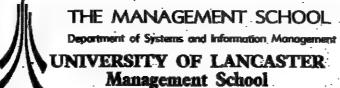
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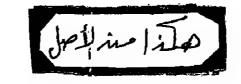
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money on offer at Ascot today's programme there has to be described as disappointing. For the popular jockey Jimmy Frost, though, it represents a fine opportunity to land a profitable double on Song Of Sixpence (1.30) and Combermere (3.05).

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While he will be delighted to win the AF Budge Novices' Hurdle for Ian Balding on Song Of Sixpence, I suspect he will be even more pleased if he adds the more valuable Charterhouse Mercantile Chase on Combernere as the eight-year-old is trained by

his father, Richard. In Combermere he seems to have the right ally for this race, even though his most recent win at Chepstow was achieved over considerably further. Before that Combermere had run the inform and greatly improved Third in Line to a length and a half at Wincanton on Box-

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1.50 The Black Monk.

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

ing day, having previously beaten Woodgate easily at Devon and Exeter the time **defore**

Top weight is shared by Foyle Fisherman and Bigsun. While the former fell last time out when clearly out of his depth in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing day, the latter ran appallingly at Cheltenham on New Year's

Interestingly, David Nich-olson has decided against putting blinkers on Bigsun again here, having experi-mented with them twice with varied success. At his best Bigsun would be a big threat. The way that Rowlandsons

Jewels ran at Sandown last Saturday hardly inspired the belief that he could win this race, while Pendennis's best

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2.50 BUTTS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,526: 3m) (16 runners)

4.20 Errant Knight

4.50 Fairways On Target.

1.50 The Black Monk. 2.20 Rajput Rajah. 2.50 BOOM TIME (nap).

third race over fences, could well find his inexperience counting against him despite his light weight.

Frost will also be contemplating winning the Daily Telegraph Hurdle on Crystal Spirit, and with good reason if the five-year-old is still as good as when he won the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham last March. But his form. this season has tapered off and I prefer Upton Park in receipt of 10lb.

Last time out at Haydock this James Fanshawe-trained seven-year-old was anything but disgraced when he was beaten two-and-a-half lengths and the same into third place by such smart stayers as Trapper John and Burgoyne. If Young Pokey is a poten-

tial winner of the Arkle Chall-enge Trophy at Cheltenham next month he ought to be

form is over a shorter trip. capable of giving 10lb to his Gold Haven, having only his three rivals in the James that form down at Sandown Capel Novices' Chase even though he was beaten by Deep Sensation, a loser since, here last time.

Before that Young Pokey had looked particularly good when trouncing Deadly Charm at Kempton, and



Frost: family connection with Combermere

3.05 CHARTERHOUSE MERCANTILE HANDICAP CHASE

on Saturday when third to the useful Bradbury Star and Carbisdale.

The Reynoldstown Novices' Chase can go to Peter Beaumont's progressive sev-en-year-old Jodami, who continues to win whereas his two potentially more gifted opponents continue largely to disappoint.

Finally, having landed my nap on Direct at Carlisle yesterday, Norman Williamson is entrusted to give a repeat performance at Ludlow this afternoon on The City Min-

After winning by four engths over this course and distance in December The City Minstrel was then beaten only a head by Glen Cherry on his subsequent visit to the same track. As they finished a long way ahead of the remainder that form looks

Lenient weight is National invitation to Carvill's Hill

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

Pipe's revitalised Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite, has been given an outstanding chance of becoming the first horse since Red Rum in 1974 to carry 12 stone to victory in the Martell Grand National at Aintree on April 4.

Although the weight is formidable, there is no question that the runaway winner of the Welsh National is leniently treated compared to his main rivals. Other horses given 10 stone or above for the world's greatest steeplechase will be carrying around 7lb more than they would if the four-and-a-half mile contest was treated as an "ordinary" race and official Jockey Club official ratings were used for

allotting weight. Seagram, last year's winner, Auntie Dot, who finished third, and Rinus, third in 1990, are 17lb, 13lb and 12lb worse off respectively with Pipe's ten-year-old chaser according to the latest offi-cial handicap figures. The difference is due to the importance placed on previous

form in the Grand National. Handicapper Christopher Mordaunt has a tough task at the best of times as he frames

CARVILL'S Hill, Martin race. The entry of Carvill's Hill, officially the best chaser in Britain, made his job even harder.

> The danger he faced was creating a lopsided handicap with a large gap in the weights between Carvill's Hill and the other main contenders, resulting in a high proportion of runners being out of the handicap proper. In the end he has produced a sensible compromise, although not all owners and trainers saw it that way when

in London yesterday. David Barons, trainer of Seagram, was furious at Mor-daunt's calculations. "There is no way my horse is within a stone and a half of Carvill's Hill. I am extremely annoyed at Mr Mordaunt."

the weights were announced

Gordon Richards, trainer of Twin Oaks and Rinus, was also grumbling. "The handicapper hasn't done us any favours. Carvill's Hill is a high-class horse and is in a different league to most of the other entries. I think Mr Mordaunt could have been a bit kinder to us."

Paul Green, one of the owners of Carvill's Hill, had few complaints and said: "Proand Cheltenham all right and the ground is no faster than good he will take his chance." Despite the obvious chance

of Carvill's Hill, there will be those still wondering how he will cope with the large Aintree obstacles. With the big bookmakers going 20-1 bar Pipe's runner and Twin Oaks now is the time to have a long priced ante-post wager.

I suggest support for the Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Gold Options, generally av-allable at 33-1. The winner of 13 of his 40 races and placed in a further 17, he has won on all types of courses, 10 including Aintree, and goes on any ground. His best form usually comes in the spring and he appears to be still improving. He would have a sound chance if he is in good form.

At the moment we intend running him," the trainer said last night.

Gold Options has only 10st llb and even if Carvill's Hill does not run he is unlikely to have to carry more than 10st 7lb. Twenty of the 46 runnings of the race since the war have been won by horses carrying 10st 7lb or less compared to only 13 runners who carried 11 stone or more to

1.30 Song Of Sixpens 2.00 Young Pokey. 2.30 Crystal Spirit. 3.05 Gold Haven. 2.00 Young Pokey. 3.05 Combergate. 2.30 Upton Park. 3.05 Combernere. Long handicaps Gold Heven 9-13. 3.35 Jodami 4.05 Mayfair Minx. BETTING: 11-4 Combermere, 100-30 Pendennis, 7-2 Poyle Fishermen, 6-1 Bigsun, 7-1 Roy 10-1 Gold Heven. 4.05 Mayfair Minx. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2,30 UPTON PARK. FOYLE FISHERIMAN that Soldimerock 3 in a 4-runner handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft) on possibilisets start. BIGSUN best Wr Frisk 10 in a 4-runner handicap chase at Sandown (3m 5f, good) on penutitrosite start. ROWLANDSONS JEW-BLS 13 4th of 6 to subsequently disquetited On The Twist in a handicap chase at Sandown (3m 8f, GOING: GOOD TO FIRM 1.30 A F BUDGE NOVICES HURDLE (£10,062; 2m) (3 runners) J Front # 89 A Tory --3.35 REYNOLDSTOWN NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £15,212: 3m) (3 runners) BETTING: 411 Song Of Separce, \$2 Mr Jamborse, 121 Lucky Blue. 1981: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST FORM FOCUS SONG OF SEPENCE best Hearts Are Wild 1 kg in an 18-runner novice hundle at Ludiow (2m, good to ferm). Previously, neck 2nd of 6 to Thatford Forest in the grade it A Budge hisvious' Hundle at Chettenham (2m, good to ferm). MR JAMEOREE WI 7th of 6 to Anabien Suitar in BETTING: 8-13 Jodemi, 2-1 Denny Harrold, 8-1 Major inquiry. 2.00 JAMES CAPEL NOVICES CHASE (£10,477: 2m) (4 runners) a The trainer states that Ambassador will run only if there is overnight rain. BETTING: 11-10 Young Pokey, 5-2 Midfielder, 7-2 Ambessedor, 8-1 Timyland. FORM FOCUS YOUNG POKEY 1141 2nd of 4 to Deep Sensation in the gracie if P M L Ughtning Novices' Chase, here (2m, good to firm) Previously, best Deadly Charm 101 in a 10-tunner a novice chase at Kampton (2m, 900 to firm) Previously, best Deadly Charm 101 in a 10-tunner a novice chase at Kampton (2m, 91 first provider, 151 2nd of 8 to Beech Road in a novice chase at Devon (2m 11, good). This Yukin 212 first provider (2m, 900 to soft). MIZD-1014 (2m 44, good). Belection: YOUNG POKEY 2.30 DAILY TELEGRAPH HURDLE (213,158: 3m) (4 runners) BBC1 301 1112-03 CRYSTAL SPIRIT 60 (C,F,G,S) (P Melton) I Saiding 5-11-10. FORM FOCUS TRAINERS CRYSTAL SPIRIT over 201 3rd of 4 to Granville Again in a hundle at Chettenham (2m 4f, good to Again in a hundle at Chettenham (2m 4f, good to Inm) FLOYD over 12 5th of 7 to Lake Teersen in a handicap hundle at Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm). Ended last season by beating Ryde Again 3th in the Granuler of the Granville at Haydook (3m, good). Chunner grade if Rendiesham Hundle at Kempton Selection: UPTON PARK (risp)

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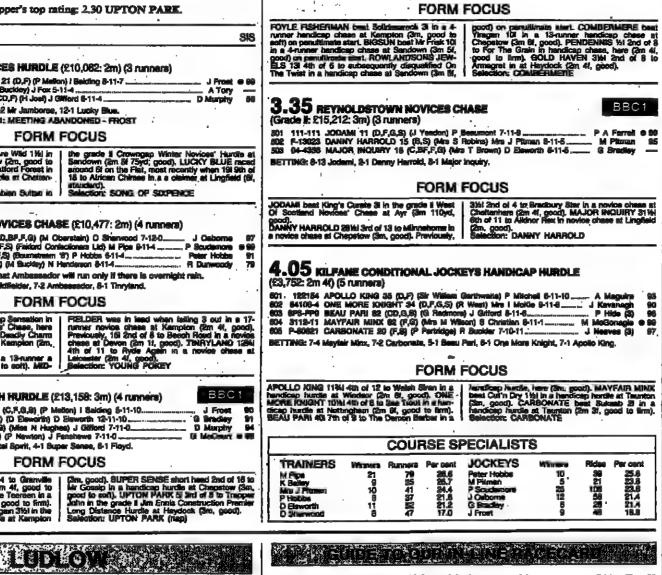
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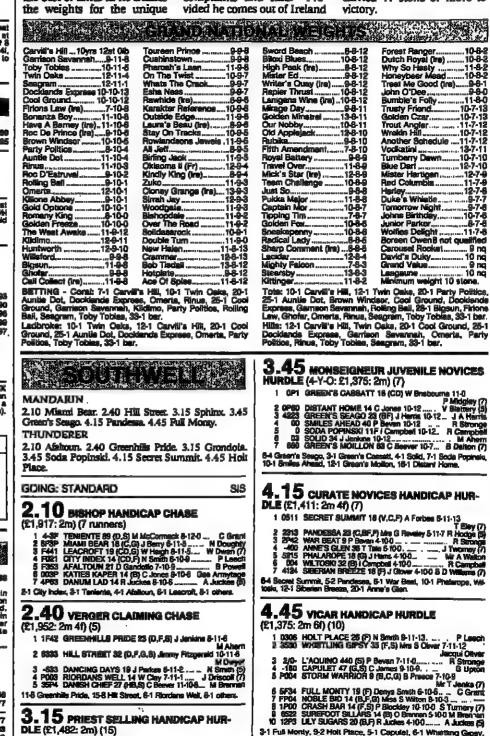
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90	Going: good
94	1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Pastoral Pride (Miss P
_	Curting, 11-2); 2, Curaheen Boy (33-1); 3, Guildway (9-2). Sanballat 7-4 fav. 15 ran
_	Gulloway (9-2). Sanbaffat 7-4 fav. 15 ran
	31/21, 1/21. Misss P Curting. Tota: £8.20;
	\$2.10, £10.30, £2.40. DF: £127.30. CSF:
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ck,	2,00 (2m SI hole) 1, Jeastu (A Maguire, 8-
	1); 2, As Good As Gold (9-1); 3, Red Ring
_	(14-1): 4, Supenor Finish ((9-2 lav), 19 ran.
	NR Jame Craig. 21, sh hd, 4l. A J Wilson. Tote: £9,60, £1,90, £1,30, £3,60, £1,30.
	DF: 050.30, CSF 678.80 Tricast: £941.01
	After stewards' enquiry, result stood.
	2.30 (2m hdie) 1, Bibendum (M Lynch,
95	25-1), 2, French Charmer (13-8 tay); 3,
99	Clairon Junior (20-1). 18 ran. 3t, 1l. R
	Waley-Cohen. Tote: £53.90; £9.70, £1.10,
	£3.90, DF: £122.10, CSF: £99.17.
89	3.00 (3m 4f 180yd ch) 1, David's Duky (K
—	Hartnett, 25-1); 2, Boraceva (6-1); 3,
96	John's Birthday (100-30). Woodpate 3 fav.
	9 ran. 12l, 15l. A Reid. Tote: £24.20; £2.40,
_	\$2.10, £1.70, DF: £58.20, CSF: £145.87.
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	3.30 (2m hdfs) 1, Cadency (R Campbell,
	4-1); 2. Kilcash (M Richards, 11-4 fav); 3.
_	Oesk Park (25-1), 20 men. 101, 25. M
_	Tompkins, 1046, £10.00; £3.40, £2.60,
5.	22.90. DF: £19.50. CSF: £18.20.
_	4.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Rough Quest (G
	McCourt, 9-2); 2. Black Moccasin (11-2);
-	3. Duo Drom (12-1). Change The Act 5-2
	fav 16 mm. 11/1. 201 T Etherington, Tote:
788	56 40, 52 40, 52 40, 52 70, DF. 521 30.
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80	4.30 (2m fiet) 1, Shearmac Steel (R
99	Greene, 25-1); 2, Young Gus (4-1); 3, Fun Money (D Bridgwater, 4-1). Scriven Boy 5-
98	2 fav 24 ran. NR Rustle Flight. 191, 12 K
	Bridgwater. Tole: £70.40; £9.60, £2.30,
88	23.20 DF: £110.50 CSF: £139.58
94	Placepot: 2439.10,
=	Carlisle
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턴	Going: soft (heavy in places)
B2	12.50 (3to ch) 1. Merry Master (Gee
	Armytage, 15-8 fax); 2, Senator Snugfit (9-
80	2); 3, Cartaida (6-1) 12 mm. 31, 61. R
 !	Armytage. Tota: £2.40; £1.70, £1.20,
66	55.80 DF 59.20 CSF: 210.29.

1.20 (3m ch) 1, Direct (N Williamson, 2-1 ter: Mendarin's nep); 2, Watertight (15-2); 3, Lupy Miratriel (25-1), 11 ran. B; 5, 1 Edwards : 70te: 52.50; 51.50; 51.50; 54.40. DF: 28.90. CSF: 515.51

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DLE (£1,482: 2m) (15)

Warwick . Going: good

1 -P00 SAN FRANCISCO JOE 7 (V.C) A Denson 8-11-10

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2 4500 ARTHURS STONE 16 (D,S) D Browner 6-11-10 B Draton (7)
3 6300 RED PROCESSION 16 (D,F) P Licitle 8-11-9. J O'Gorman
4 24-1 STHINK 12 (DJ) J Bostonic 8-11-8. J O'Gorman
5 26-5 SWEET 'N' LOW 11F P Feitlen 5-11-6. A Bates (7)
6 F566 GRONDOLA 23 (D,F) D Burchel 5-11-6. D J Burchel
7 0-05 CHIC CAPOLE 36 Mrs P Barter 6-11-5. C Haustonic
8 P004 BLAKES SECRET 14 A Forbes 6-11-5. C Haustonic
9 0006 DANCING LEGEND 16 J Parkes 4-10-11. N Smith (5)
10 P00 CAPRIG KD 27 (B) C Beaver 8-10-10. M Bromost
11 0P0 TURBULENT HVBT 34 Mrs J Barciny 4-10-5. M Ahent
12 064 MBLLE 22 J Jentons 4-10-3. M Ahent
13 3033 WHAT A CARD SF Dens Smith 4-10-2. P Winggott (7)
14 000 DAISY GREY 28 (B) A Red 4-10-0. P Winggott (7)
15 -P00 CHANTERESSE 36 (B) W Smith 5-10-0. A Lumber (7)
C Grandolin 9-2 Schliver 5-1 What A Card 6-1 Blakes Secret. TRAINERS: J Glover, 8 winners from 17 runners, 47 1%; Mrs G Reveley, 3 from 11, 27.3%, Jimmy Pitzgerald, 5 from 22, 22.7%; P Blockley, 4 from 23, 17.4%, B Preece, 13 from 83, 15.7%; W Clay, 9 from 73, 12.3%, JOCKEYS: S D Williams, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; A Juckes, 9 from 53, 17.0%, M Dwyer, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J A Harris, 9 from 69, 13.2%, (Only qualifiers). ☐ Jinxy Jack, top weight for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on Saturday, is likely to miss the race, trainer Gordon Richards said yesterday. Jiramy (C Grant, 6-1 (t-fav); 2, Tindan (7-1); 3, Aca Of Diagnonds (16-1); 4, Yarabay (20-1), Halcanor & Lavrosky 6 (t-fav, 20 can, NR: President George 1 (b), 25, 11.

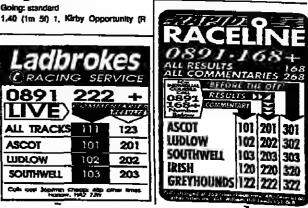
Mass I, Perratt, Tote: 25.60; 51.80, 71.20, 22.40, 21.50, DF: 22.30, CSF: 237.24.

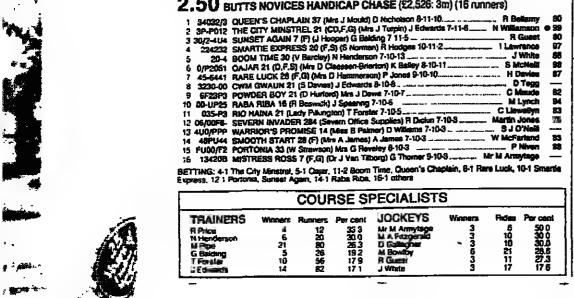
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Tricinatt 1008.80, No.141. 2.10 (Im 2) 1, Modesto (5 Whitworth, 4-1 tay); 2, Samurai Gold (5-1); 3, Foursingh (25-1); 13 ran. NR; Pleasure Ahead, 2; 2, K. Cumningham-Brown, Tote; £4.80; £1.30, £1.80, £18.80. DF; £4.20. CSF; £24.01 Tricest; £409.88. Tricuat: 1808-90. No trid.
2.20 (3m ch) 1, Black Spur (B Storey, 11-2); 2, Wrekin Hill (13-2); 3, Trushy Friend (9-2 (t-lev), Decent Man 9-2 (t-lev). 10 ran. NR: Old Nick, 3], 51. J Charlton. 10 te: £5.50; £200, £2.10, £2.20. DF: £38.40 (25); £30.84 (Tricus). 10 till. Dorikos (D Byrne, 14-1); 2. Rejoinus (8-1); 3, Mossia Gold (4-9 fay). 10 ran. NR: The Shade Matcher. 1 Mai, 301. J Jefferson. Tote: £15.90; £3.70, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £26.90. CSF: £10.83 2.40 (1m 2) 1, Slight Risk (G Bardwell, 9-1), 2, Noble Singer (5-2 (tlev); 3, Sure To Win (5-2 (t-fav), 9 ran, 1½), sh hd, P Kelleway, Tote: £14.80; £4.80, £1.30, £1.50 DF: £11.40, CSF: £31.28, Tricast: 100.79. 3.10 (1m) 1, Sarum (D Biggs, 3-1), 2, Surset Street (10-1); 3, East Barrs (10-1) Mac a Princess 9-4 fav. 11 ran. 34, 34; C Wildman, Tote: 25.30; £1.60, £1.40, £3.10. DF: £43.10, CSF: £31.61, Tricast: £250.35 LSP: X110.83
3.20 (2m ch) 1, Jesters Prospect (8
5torey, 8-1); 2, Interim Lib (3-1); 3, Pura
Money (7-1), Lightwater Agein 5-2 fav. 10
ran. NR: Landeln 8l, 30l, Mrs J
Goodfeldow, Tote: 59-40; 51.80, 51.60,
52.40, DF: \$25.20, CSF: \$29.84 Tricast:
\$160.70 3.40 (7) 1, Sauvignon (N Day, 7-4 fav); 2, Queen Of Dreams (20-1); 3, Sareen Express (25-1), 8 nan. 2, 2, R Guest Tote: £2.50; £1.0, £1.50, £3.10. DF: £15.20 CSF: £31 22. 2160.70 ** 3.50 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Scottish Gold (D J Moffatt, 11-2); 2, May-Day-Baby (33-1); 3, Gesentee (8-1). Dewn Coyole, Säver Stick, Jock's Burn 3 (1-tav. 9 ran. 3½), 8 Mass L Perratt. Tote. 29.30; 21 70, 25.80, 21.90. DF-2181.10. CSF: 2119.28, Tricast: C1.285.57. 4.10 (61) 1, Courting Newmarket (Mr D Saiter, 50-1); 2, Rushanes (16-1); 3, Count Me Out (8-1), Jeviel Kate 9-4 tav 12 ran. 2, sh hat, Mrs A Kright, Tote 158 10, E8.10, E3.00, E3.40, DF: 2423.50, CSF: 5555.78, Tricast: 26.244.76 Placepot: 927.90. Placepot: £195,30 Lingfield Park Going: standard 1.40 (1m 50) 1, Kirby Opportunity (R Ladbrokes CRACING SERVICE

3-1 Full Monty, 9-2 Holt Ptace, 5-1 Capulet, 6-1 Whisting Gipsy. 8-1 Nobre Bid, 10-1 Lily Sugars, Surefoot Sillers, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS





Management resisting temptation to experiment as England pursue clean sweep in series

Case can be made for Botham to win his 100th cap

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, in wellingto:

AS A sanctuary for the outclassed, Wellington's Basin Reserve is up there with the best. Stalemate is invariably provided to order. And yet, such is the disparity between the strengths and spirits of England and New Zealand, a draw in the final Test match. which starts here tomorrow, would be greeted with considerable surprise.

The weather, of course, may dictate matters. It often does in New Zealand's Windy City, and last night's forecast was distinctly unpromising. Given five fine days, however, England could well complete their first clean sweep of any overseas series since the 3-0 win in this country 29 years ago, when led by Ted Dexter, now chairman of the England committee, who arrived

here yesterday. Graham Gooch's comments on his own future have caused quite a stir here, despite being far more the speculations of a weary man than any specific declaration of intended retirement. He may play no further Tests after the series with Pakistan this summer but, then again, he could return, even as captain,

against Australia in 1993. Certainly, he has the backing of his team manager, Micky Stewart, to carry on as

AN EARTHQUAKE, torren-

tial rain, gale force winds, two

stumps split by the same ball

and a fast bowier fainting

have all, in their time, inter-

rupted play during a Test match at Wellington (Simon

Wilde writes). Going by the usual pace of proceedings at

the Basin Reserve, each must

have come as merciful relief.

It is nine years since there

was last a positive Test result

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that pass for pitches there,

any quality batsman with pa-

tience can make a score. Mar-

tin Crowe has made a century

in each of his last four Tests

on the ground and on En-

giand's last two visits New

long as he feels capable, not least because Stewart himself is preparing to step aside when his contract expires in

I teel I will have done my stint by then," he said yester-day. "It has taken longer than I had hoped it might to reach the stage we are at now, but there is only a certain amount of time you can stay in this type of job. But 1 do hope Graham's influence lasts as long as possible. He still enjoys it, but he won't do it a minute longer if he thinks the time has come when he is no

longer doing his job."

Despite declaring a free day yesterday for those who played in Auckland, Gooch reported to the Basin Reserve for his habitual batting session. He then examined the Test pitch with Stewart, who reported it as "drier and less

grassy than Eden Park". There have been only two positive results in the last ten Tests here, and New Zealand have not lost at the Basin since 1968. Wes Armstrong, the head groundsman, said yesterday that the pitch might offer the faster bowlers a little assistance on the opening day but would thereafter be "a batting strip".

This will come as a relief to Graeme Hick, another who

denying them with totals of

537 in 1983-4 and 512 for

England must beware com-

placency. Chasing 137 to win 14 years ago, they collapsed for a mere 64. Being their

first defeat by New Zealand

in 48 Tests, it was rather

appropriate that England

should meet their Waterloo

on the playing fields of

RESULTS (1829-30 to date): England won 2, Now Zesland 1, draws 3.
RECORDS (England first): Plightest totals: 483 (1983-4); 537 (1983-4); Lowest totals: 64 (1977-8); 123 (1977-8). Highest Innings: 194 D W Randall (1983-4); 174 not out, JV Consy (1983-9). Best bowling: 7-78 F E Woolley (1923-90); 7-143 B L. Calme (1983-9).

Wellington.

six declared four years ago.

Wellington's pitch

offers little pace

traded in his day off for a long net. Hick has not managed so much as a half-century in his first ten Test innings and remains disappointingly susceptible on the back foot.

"He has done a lot of work

and, although the scores have not come yet, we are not worried about it and I don't think he is," Stewart said. The same might not neces-

sarily apply to the 100th Test match appearance of Ian Botham. Breaking back into the Test team will get no easier for him after this tour but, although he is essentially here for the World Cup, there may be a case for giving him the momentous cap in this match, possibly ahead of Derek Pringle.

A Wellington Test presents unique problems in that the wind, which is seldom far short of gale-force, invariably blows from end to end. There is no value in asking DeFreitas, Lewis or Lawrence to toil into the wind but Reeve could be useful upwind, as could Botham.

To select Botham would be a risk, as he has played only one game since September, and did not bat in that one. He will definitely not be chosen simply to prepare him for the World Cup. As Gooch rightly insists: "Playing in a Test match is a great honour and I am not about to leave

someone out just to give someone else practice." Last night, however, it re-mained conceivable that Gooch and Stewart would regard Botham as belonging in their best team for this occasion. As Stewart said: "He is as ready as he can be without much cricket. He is

champing at the bit."

New Zealand, whose reac tion to defeat in the first Test verged on panic, have been more stoical about losing the second. Their only change is to recall Ian Smith, who can be thought fortunate to be given preserence over Adam

Martin Crowe enters the match carrying injuries and with his leadership qualities widely questioned. He will be comforted by playing on his home ground where, in 12 Test inmings, he has five times passed 100.



Making his point: Moody completed a century on his recall to the Test side

Jones and Moody leave India an uphill task

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN PERTH

UNTIL the last 70 minutes. the fourth day of the fifth Test match here between Australia and India took a fairly predictable course, with Australia scoring what runs they needed for an evening declaration. More surprising was the way India, needing 442 to win, rattled up 55 without loss in the last 18 overs when Australia must have been expecting to make inroads. India go into the last day, therefore, with all their second-innings wickets standing

and another 387 to get. A

week ago, in the fourth Test

n Adelaide, they needed 341

on the last day, also with all

their wickets in hand, and lost by only 38 runs, contending, with some justification, that under two different umpires they would have won.

Adelaide, however, was a very different sort of pitch, and one that was more like those on which the game is played in India.

Although the present pitch has had a little of the zip taken out of it by all the sunshine, it still offers plenty of bounce to bowlers who bend their backs. But it responds to strokemakers, too, and there are plenty of those on the Indian side, two of them, Sidhu and Vengsarkar, with a point to make after having been left out of India's World Cup party.

The centrepiece of yesterday's cricket was a partnership of 173 at just under a run a minute for Australia's fourth wicket between Jones and Moody, who both scored hundreds. While Jones will have re-established himself as a Test cricketer after two unrewarding years, Moody will have strengthened his claims to a more regular place in the

Australian side. Jones's unbeaten 150 was his tenth hundred in Test cricket, but his first since scoring two in the same match against Pakistan in January 1990; Moody's 101 was his second in only eight Test innings. Jones and Moody both benefited from Border's decision not to come in at No. 4

because of a slightly strained hamstring. This got them to the wicket that much sooner, probably to their relief. Border should know that of

Jones's Test hundreds, only two have been made at No. 5, which is now his set place in the order unless Border himself is indisposed.

Neither Jones nor Moody was quite at his best. But for both players, there was much at stake. Moody could be said. I suppose, to have stolen a march on Marsh, but that will not necessarily keep him in the Test side unless he or Boon goes in first, and Boon has been too successful at No. 3 for anybody to want to move him.

Jones hit 14 fours and a six

his last 50 coming off only 64 balls as Australia pressed on for a declaration. Moody hit nine fours and a five in 149 balls (186 minutes). The five was the result of one of several overthrows as India's dejec-

tion began to show. Boon went early, caught at second slip; Kapil picked up another wicket, his 197th away from home as against the 204 he has taken on those mostly thankless pitches in

I say mostly because Gavaskar considers the quickest pitch he ever played on was at Madras, against West Indies in 1978-9. Perth comes next, followed, surprisingly, by one that greeted

Total (6 wids dec) ..

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 8-31, 3-113, 4-BOWLING: Kapil Dev 28-6-48-2; Prestrator 32-4-116-1; Srineth 29-3-4-121-2; Reju 24-5-76-1.

Second insings
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Extras (b 4, nb 1) Total (no wid) 55 BOWLING: McDermott 6-1-27-0; Hughes 5 0-12-0; Reittel 4-1-11-0; Whitney 3-2-1-0. Umpires: A R Crafter and T A Prus.

major objectives BY MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT will continue to dissect his

Faldo tunes up

for the season's

NOT for the first time in his career, Nick Faldo is facing an examination of character. He will not need reminding that he enters the Dubal Desert Classic, which starts in Dubai to-morrow, having won only once in the last 14 months. The situation is nowhere

as alarming to him as it was when he went three years without a win in the 1980s, yet he still finds himself treading water. At times, Faldo is not the easiest of sportsmen to

question, but he was thoroughly open in Thailand last week, admitting his game was rusty. "All I want to do right now is get the swing on line so that I can see David [Leadbetter] next month with it remotely close to where I want it to be," he said. Leadbetter, of course, is

the chief engineer in Team Faldo. He rebuilt the Faldo swing seven years ago and the faithful pupil graduat-ed in style, winning two Opens and two Masters.

Golf, however, is a capricious sport. Faldo mislaid his game in 1991. He fid-dled with his set-up, he fid-dled with his backswing, he fiddled with his putting stroke; all to so avail. Faldo could not camouflage the torment; he reacted angrily

to intruders.

He was labelled aloof and criticised for his lack of team spirit as the United States regained the Ryder Cup at Kiawah Island. Faldo denied the charge and reacted strongly to it with a public rebuke

His emotions betrayed him. As he banded out the reprimand, it revealed a vein of weakness. The socalled iron man of the fair-ways had a chink in his

The Faldo whose expressions suggest that playing golf is a punishment usually reserves displays of sen-sitivity only for family and friends. Only recently he meticulously put together a tape that helped a young schoolboy come out of a coma following a car crash. It is why, perhaps, he finds it impossible to lighten up on the course. He knows that if he drops his self-control that has made him a champion. Already,

he is preparing to win back the Masters in April In Thailand, he felt there was something wrong with his putting, so he worked tirelessly to find the problem. His alignment turned out to be two inches out. This week, Faldo, with a

camcorder never far away,

"I did very little during five weeks off at home in the winter." he said. "Quite honestly, I couldn't see any point in practising because it was so cold. I put in a lot of thought in the armchair, but that was all. Now I have to get everything prepared for my

meeting with David.

The crunch will come in the first week in March. Then, Leadbetter will decide what work must be done before Faldo plays four US Tour events before the Masters at Augusta. Faldo would like his game to be more spontaneous, but at the age of 34 he seems certain to continue his robotic ways. A change

now might be too risky.

Anyway, Faldo is mesmerised by perfection: he insists that breeds success. Some feel he is falling short on his obligation to be a role model. Faldo's answer is that winning is the name of the game and others should be encouraged by what he has achieved rather than the way he acts on the

He knows that 1992 offers the biggest challenge yet. He wants to regain the Masters from Ian Woosnam and become the first player since Jack Nicklaus to win it three times in four years. He sees Pebble Beach as the ideal place to win his first US Open. And in July, he re-turns to Muirfield, where, in 1987, he won his first

"I have my schedule planned." he said. "I normally play the week before the US Open, but this year I'll go to Pebble Beach the week before to acclimatise and to get to know the course. Then I'll take a couple of days off in San Francisco before returning to the course to complete my preparations."
In the eight-man, nine-

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hole shoot out on the Emirates course yesterday, Faido finished second to Ian Palmer, the winner in Bangkok at the weekend, who birdied the 547-yard 18th for victory.

Dubai or, for that matter. one of the four tournaments leading up to the Masters, it will not unduly concern him. He has won only 26 tournaments in 17 years compared to Greg Norman's 58 and Ball-esteros's 66. But he has Won four majors: it is their mystique that captivates

RUGBY LEAGUE

Double for Davies

JONATHAN Davies becomes the first Wales rugby union captain to captain a Great Britain rugby league side when he leads them against France in Perpignan a week on Sunday (Keith Macklin writes).

Four uncapped players are in the 19-strong squad named yesterday by Malcolm Reilly, the coach. Three are Welshmen, John Devereux. Jonathan Griffiths and Mark Jones, the Neath forward

who missed last season through injury and made his professional debut in this season's Charity Shield game for Hull against Wigan. The fourth uncapped choice is John Bentley, the Leeds wing.

SOUAD: Backs: J Bentiey (Leeds), G Connolly (St Helens), J Davies (Widnes, cept), J Davereux (Widnes), D Fox (Featherstone Rovers), B Goulding (Leeds), J Geiffiths (St Helens), D Powell (Sheffiteld Eagles), G Stendman (Castletord), A Tatt (Widnes), Forwards: L Crooks (Castletord), P Discon (Leeds), R Eyres (Widnes), L Holfiday (Widnes), L Jackson (Pall), M Jackson (Walselfield), M Jones (Hull), G Prios (Wakefield)

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Alliance sought by southern powers

BY DAVID HANDS

THE leading countries in the southern hemisohere believe that talks in Sydney later this month will lead to a loose confederation which will provide a counterweight to the four home unions.

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It is hoped to establish the Southern Hemisphere Rugby Alliance when representatives from Australia, the World Cup holders, New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina sit down together on February 15. The aim, based on the premise that South Africa will be reintegrated into world rugby sooner rather than later, is for a co-ordinated playing strategy on and off the field.

Australia and New Zealand will pave the way at their annual meeting on St Valentine's day, though there may be little brotherly love for the home unions from Australia, some of whose administrators have expressed the view that England, for example, provided a stumbling block to

Australia's hopes of playing South Africa this year so that they could more easily do so themselves.

However the concept of a southern-hemisphere championship has been shelved. "Logistically, it would be al-most impossible and, from a rugby point of view, it would not be desirable because of the effect it would have on tours," Norbert Byrne, one of Australia's International Rugby Football Board representatives, said yesterday. Tours are the life blood of our game."

Instead, the southern powers will reintroduce the 'super six" championship, involving Wellington, Auckland, Canterbury, Queens-land, New South Wales and Fiji. Next year they hope to make it the "super ten", involving New Zealand's four leading provinces, South Africa's best three, Oueensland, New South Wales and the leading Pacific island.

IRELAND and Scotland, who meet at Lansdowne Road on February 15 in the five nations' championship, will name their XVs today. Although both have made a

disappointing start to the championship, sweeping changes are unlikely. Scotland's pack went well enough against England and the area that may come in for most criticism is the midfield. The same is true for Ireland. whose B XV also suffered a heavy defeat against England. However, Ciaran Fitzgerald, the coach of the senior team, professed himself less

disappointed by the 28-point

defeat at Twickenham last Saturday than the one-point defeat by Wales. Their attitude could not be faulted." Fitzgerald said of his players, though he is aware of the gap that England have now developed between themselves and the other home unions. Perhaps, he suggested, Ireland should undertake more tours, and formalise the representative

structure at under-21, stu-

dent and under-25 levels so as to ensure the best use of avail-

RUGBY UNION

injuries affected countries like Ireland and Scotland far more than England, with their greater playing num-bers and the increasing benefits of league and divisional rugby. None the less, there may be calls for Philip Danaher, the Garryowen

Fitzgerald: aware of gap

Midfield under scrutiny

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

at full back, to be found a place in the side to meet Scotland and doubtless Des Ken Reid, the team manag-Fitzgerald, who withdrew er, observed that a handful of with influenza last Friday, will return to the front row.

Didier Camberabero, the Beziers stand-off half, has recovered from a pinched sciat-ic nerve and will be available for selection by France against England in Paris on February 15. Camberabero was affected by injury during centre who has been capped the World Cup, when his place went to Thierry Lacroix

and, against Wales last weekend, to Alain Penand. ☐ South Africa must confirm this month that they will take part in the second student World Cup, which starts on June 30 in Italy.

The recent meeting of the competition's organising committee gave South Africa until March 1 to respond to the invitation. However, Taiwan have been admitted because of the withdrawal of South Korea, which means England's first match will be against Taiwan on July 1 in Naples.

Newcastle merger off agenda

NEWCASTLE Gosforth will go into Saturday's rearranged Pilkington Cup tie with Manchester knowing that a merger with the Northern club is unlikely to happen (David Hands writes). Northern, threatened with

relegation from division four north, have been told by a majority of their members that they do not want talks to be reopened.

The cup match this Saturday has forced Newcastle to move their league game with Wakefield to February 15.

☐ Injuries to four stand-off halves, three of them internationals, have forced Cardiff to play their reserve scrum half, Andy Moore, in the No. 10 shirt for the league match against Swansea tonight.

□ Wayne Shelford, the former All Black, will lead a New Zealand Invitation XV against Northampton at Franklins Gardens on February 16 to raise funds for the club to tour Australia.

Anfield old boy warns his former club of perils in store in a tricky FA Cup tie

Liverpool on strange ground

LIVERPOOL, one of Britain's most widely travelled clubs, enter what for them is uncharted territory tonight. Over the years they have experienced the atmosphere at many of the more intimidating stadiums around Europe, but never will they have encountered anything quite like

The borrowed home of Rovers could hold more horrors for Liverpool in their rearranged FA Cup fourth-round tie tonight than the haunted house in Amityville. The night-time setting will only add to its menace, as one Liverpudlian will happily confirm.

Geoff Twentyman, Rovers' stalwart defender, would have liked nothing better than to have "spooked" Liverpool personally on the cramped, ramshackle ground which they rent from Bath City. But on the same afternoon that Rovers were drawn against Liverpool, Twentyman suffered a broken ankle and, needless to say a short while later, a broken heart.

Twentyman had played for Liverpool reserves as a youngster and hoped to follow in the footsteps of another Geoff Twentyman — his father who played for them in the Fifties and was later their chief scout for more than 20 years, before following Graeme Souness to Rangers.

The young Twentyman never quite made the grade but nursed the dream that one day he might get the chance to play against Liver-"If you're not good enough to play for them, it's got to be a hell of a thrill to run out and play against them," he said. Considering that he had only missed one game in the last four years, it was nothing if not an untime-

too, when Liverpool came knocking at Rovers' door for a defender three years ago and went away with Nicky Tanner, his friend. Liverpool even asked Twentyman for a character reference.

"There was never any problem with that, he was a diamond of a lad." Twentyman said. "It's nice to see colhighest level. Mind you, it created a degree of surprise. don't think Nicky would be upset at me saying that."

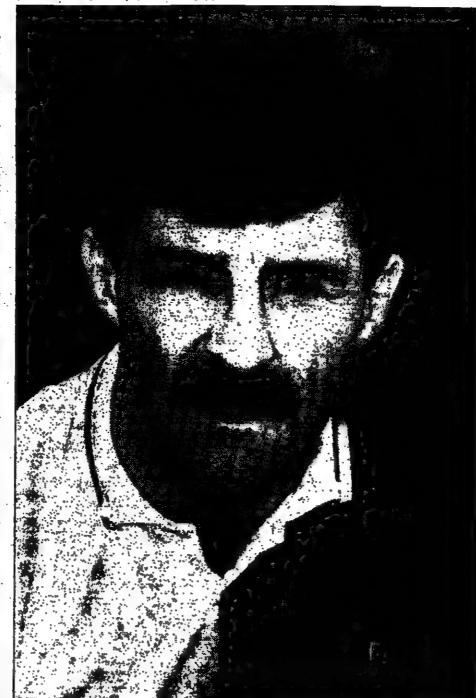
It may need more than Tanner's inside knowledge. however, to help Liverpool come to terms with Twerton. The defeat at Peterborough in the Rumbelows Cup will have removed any complacency but will not have prepared them in any way for what confronts them tonight.

"Peterborough's a tidy little ground by comparison," Twentyman said. "Our dressing-rooms are minute, espe cially the away team's. From the changing rooms you step straight onto the pitch. There are no corridors or offices to

"It's a difficult ground to play on because it's not enclosed. On one side you've got a hill where the cows graze and behind another you've got Bath city centre in the distance. When the ball goes into the air there's no backcloth. The pitch has a slope, too.

If plans being worked out by the club and Bristol city. council come to fruition, then Twerton Park will soon become no more than a

It is hoped that in three years an all-purpose stadium, which could house Rovers. will be built near the M5 at Hallen Marsh, a name which sounds rather more appropri-



Absent Rover: a broken ankle will keep Twentyman out of tonight's game :

AC Milan and Juventus prepare for showdown

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL BY PETER ROBINSON

championship has been takthen the gauntlets were thrown down on Sunday. AC Milan and Juventus prepared for their meeting at the San Siro next weekend, an encounter that will go a long way towards deciding the destiny of Serie A this season, with thumping 4-1 victories in Cagliari and Turin. As statements of intent, they

were unequivocal. Milan, as ever, were the more impressive, but only marginally. Italy's league leaders recovered from the shock of going a goal behind in the first half in Cagliari to respond with a second-half salvo typical of their magnificent form of late. Marco van Basten, back in the team after a bout of flu, struck three goals in a devastating 18minute spell before Daniele Massaro, on as substitute, added the fourth. Crowd violence rang the afternoon's

IF THE duel for the Italian only sour note as police resorted to tear gas to subdue rioting shape since the autumn, ing Cagliari supporters.

Twenty people were injured.
On the field, Juventus, in second place in the table, were not to be outshone. Criticised so often for being negative, they showed that they can, on occasion, attack effectively and did so at the expense of Foggia. Roberto Baggio matched van Basten and scored three times, twice from the penalty spot, before Pier Luigi Casiraghi added a

fourth in injury time. Inevitably, almost as soon as the two games ended, at-tention switched to the forthcoming Milan-Juventus meeting in the San Siro. "It is the game of the season for us," Giovanni Trapationi, the Juventus coach, said. "If we don't get beaten, even a draw would still leave the door open for us, allowing that Milan may slip up at some stage." In Spain, the spotlight was on Leo Beenhakker and Real Madrid, a double-act making its return to the San Bernabéu stadium. Beenhakker, in his second Bernabén term as coach, after the controversial dismissal of Radomir Antic, could only watch his league leaders draw

I-1 with Cadiz and then listen as their captain, José Carmelo, described Real as "the worst Madrid side we've seen for years". The Dutchman's only consolation was that Barcelona made a mess of their chance to close even further in second place by

losing 2-1 at Real Sociedad.
On Monday, the five leading Moscow clubs — CSKA. Spartak, Dynamo, Torpedo and Lokomotiv - refused to take part in the new Commonwealth of Independent States championship, due to start on March 1, prompting it to be abandoned hours later. The CIS participation in the European championships in Sweden will not be

Butcher takes legal action

TERRY Butcher, the former England international defender, is suing Coventry City following his dismissal from his £250,000-a-year player-manager's job at Highfield Road four weeks ago.

Butcher's is the third of three writs outstanding against Coventry taken out by former members of staff. Butcher's coaches, Mick Mills and Brian Eastick, who were dismissed in early December, issued their writs against the first division club two weeks ago.

Coventry have appointed Mike Kelly, England's former goalkeeping coach, as the assistant to their present manager, Don Howe. Kelly has been also acting as goalkeeping coach to the Swiss national squad. Northampton Town, the

fourth division club suffering a crippling financial crisis, could be forced out of business by the middle of next month. A petition from

Abbeyfield Press, a printing the High Court to wind up the club on March 11. The company is owed just under £13,000 for the printing of last season's programmes.

Jim Leighton's trials at Manchester United are, it seems about, about to come to an end. Leighton, aged 33. United's former Scottish international goalkeeper who has played only one senior game for United since being dropped for the FA Cup final replay against Crystal Palace in 1990, is set to move north of the border to join Dundee for £200,000. He has been on

loan at Reading.
The Hungarian international midfield player, Istvan Kozma, aged 27, yesterday agreed personal terms with Liverpool and will complete a £330,000 move from Dunfermine when he obtains a work permit, which is expected to arrive within the next week.

Carroll (US) 15-2, 15-2, Semi-Guals: Prenn bi Devices, 15-6, 15-4, 15-11; Boone bit Monteunis, 15-8, 15-9, 16-0, Pinel; Boone bit Prenn, 15-1, 10-15, 15-6, 15-9. Amateur Goubles championathic: Finel; W Boone and E Ultran

REAL TENNIS

CLUB MATCH: Oxford University bt MCC, 3-2 (Oxford names first) D Raid bt L. Whealey 4-5, 6-0, 6-5, R Montgomeris bt M Estorick 6-4, 6-2, D Finegold last to J English 6-5, 6-0, G Bowers last to J Metherill 2-5, 8-4, 8-4, Doubles; Mcznarc and D Pinegold bt L. Whealey and M Estorick 8-2, 6-0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Oldham 3, Warrington 8. STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Postponed: Doncaster v

OLYMPIC GAMES

Atlanta reward backers with speed off mark

FROM DAVID MILLER IN COURCHEVEL

THE justification of the overseas vote for Atlanta last year as host city for the centenary Olympic Games of 1996, in preference to Athens, is apparent in the speed and efficiency of Atlanta's preparations. They could be ready two years in advance, as demonstrated by the publication already of a master-

Furthermore, William Payne, president of the organising committee, intends that the opening cere-mony in 1996 should be wholly international in concept, paying tribute to Greek history and tradition in the

Olympics.
"History will be the theme of the opening ceremony, for these are not an American Games," Payne says. "I cer-tainly hope that the Greeks, and their Olympic commitee, will assist us with the be classical and not a Hollywood-style extravaganza. We

cannot do this without paying adequate tribute to Greece's contribution." At an appropriate time, Payne says, there will be discussion with Greece of possible co-hosting of one or two events.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, the chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, was yesterday suggesting that blood testing, in the drug-control programme, could be introduced in time for the start of the Winter Games on Saturday with the approval of the session this week.

Yet, this view is encountering doubts. Anita DeFrantz, the United States member of the IOC, and Harvey Schiller, secretary of the US Olympic Committee, maintain the view that blood testing is a personal invasion. I think it unlikely that the new system, voluntary though it will be at first, can be utilised in these

SNOOKER

Foulds rewarded for tactical skill

BY PHIL YATES

NEAL Foulds, a perennial nearly man for the last two seasons, displayed consisteny and application during a highly tactical 5-3 secondround victory over Terry Griffiths in the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley

Conference Centre yesterday. Foulds has quietly risen to fifth in the provisional world rankings and his ability to score heavily against Grif-

fiths, following prolonged Breaks of 74 and 39 helped Foulds lead 2-1 before he emerged from a 58-minute the tournament by 18 min-

utes — with a 3-1 advantage. Griffiths, the world No. 11. won two of the next three runs of 73 and 78, but did not bother the scorers in the eighth as Foulds clinched a quarter-final against Steve Davis or Dennis Taylor.

"It may not have appeared so, with so much safety play, but I thought it was a high standard match," Foulds

Commenting on his inability to convert countless appearances in the latter stages of tournaments into titles he has won only two in nine years as a professional — he said: "I've been so frustrated by it. I've played my best snooker in the early rounds and blown out towards the end. I don't think I've done myself justice on occasions."

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SQUASH RACKETS

Cannons depleted in decisive match

VASARI Cannons, the Pimm's Premier League champions, this week pulled back a point in what is, at most, a three-horse race for the championship this season (Colin McQuillan writes). But their interest could end in the fixture against Welsh Wiz-

ards in Cardiff next week. Cannons go into their match on Monday with their three leading players commit-ted to the Liberation Cup in Kuwait. They will have only two recognised players and a team manager available for duty in Cardiff and must conconceding the match and their remaining championship hopes.

The Squash Rackets Association has refused to allow Cannons to switch the match. "We are very disappointed the SRA cannot be flexible over one fixture date," Neil Harvey, the Cannons team manager, said.

PLESULTS: First christon: Vaseri Cennons 4, North Welsham C; Mosaic Priory 1, Lastes Wizards 3; L and P Lambs 4, Addise Northern D; Lynic Surbiton 1, A and P Reckate 8, Langus poellione: 1, Wizards, 50pts; 2, Carnons, 44; 3, Lambs, 43; 4, Priory, 32; 5, Rackets, 22; 6, North Walsham, 15; 7, Northern, 9; 8, Burbiton, 7.

Leyland remains critical

Martin Leyland, the Swinton rugby league wing, remained critically ill yesterday after receiving a double fracture of the skull and two crushed vertebrae in a clash of heads Prince, on Sunday.

Leyland, aged 23, was making only his seventh senior appearance for Swinton.,

Javed recovers

Cricket: Javed Miandad, who was ruled out of Pakistan's original World Cup squad because of a back injury, has recovered and will join the

party shortly.

In the second match of their tour, Durham lost by, two wickets to Zimbabwe in Harare yesterday, with David ? Graveney, their captain, splitting the webbing between the third and fourth fingers of his left hand while fielding.

Yorkshire had a record trading loss of £83,451 last year, reduced to £13,094 by realising investments and rewho lost £69,000, have been given a £100,000 interest-free loan by Trevor Bennett, a vice-president, to enable themto start work on a £450,000 indoor complex.

Castle crumbles Tennis: Danny Sapsford beat Andrew Castle, the national champion, 6-0, 6-4 in the final of the ninth round of the

LTA British Tour. ☐ Sara Gomer, of Britain, beat the fourth seed, Raffaella Reggi-Concato, of Italy, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 in the first round of: the Fernieaf classic tourna-

ment in Wellington. 、 😗 ☐ Bjorn Borg, the former five-time Wimbledon champion who has now aban-doned his wooden nicket and been training at the Nick Bolletieri academy in Florida, will play in the ATP circuit tournament in Nice in April.

Intent to challenge

Yachting: Fifteen countries have either challenged or: indicated their intention tochallenge Britain's Royal-Ocean Racing Club for the; new Commodore's Cup, for cruiser-razor yachts designed to the relatively new interna-, tional measurement system; to be sailed this year from

Champion arrives

Boxing: Manning Galloway, of the United States, who defends his World Boxing, Organisation welterweight title at the Wembley Conference Centre next Wednesday, said on his arrival in England yesterday that his boxing skills would be too good for the challenger, Pat Barrett.

Jordan drive

Meter sport: Mauricio Gugelmin, aged 28, the Egham-based Brazilian and a former British Formula Three champion, will drive: for the Jordan grand prix; team this season.

Boone defends

Rackets: Willie Boone, the holder, defeated John Prenn, the lavourite, in four games to, win the United States ama-

NETBALL

Southerners battle for county title

By Louise Taylor

THE English Counties League title looks to be a straight contest between Surrey, the holders, and Essex Metropolitan. Both retained their unbeaten records in conclusive fashion last Saturday: Surrey beat Hampshire North 67-45, Essex supressed Cheshire 53-39 with Yvonne Foster scoring 32 goals.

Two games of the season are left, and it looks likely that the concluding fixture, on April 4, between Surrey and Essex Metropolitan will prove the decider.

Birmingham and Bedfordshire effectively cancelled out each other's championship chances by drawing 41-41 at Luton last Wednesday. Mathematically, Middlesex, whose match against Humberside was postponed, can catch the top two. They are eight points adrift though, and even with five points for a win, overtaking both Surrey and Essex

Met is a tall order. The senior and under-18 England squads will assemble for a training camp at Birmingham this weekend On Monday, squads will be announced for their home interanational fixtures against Scotland on February

FOR THE RECORD **FOOTBALL** B AND G SCOTTISH LEAGUE Bacond division: AND V Condendous.

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Young Art-cans of Tanzania 4, Rivatex (Kernys) 9.

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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 0, Chelson 0; Lirton 1, Waltford 1; Tottenhum Hotspur 2, Reading 2

Wattord 1; Totterham Hotspur 2, Reading 2
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DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Hericay 1, Vesding 3; Welton and Hersham 0, Heybridge Swifts 0, League Cup: Carshalton Athletic 2, Ware Town 2 (ast).

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BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Utali-Jazz 125, Chicago Bulls 123; Golden State Warriers 122, Orlando Magic 114; Phoenix Suns 113, Los Angeles Lakers 104; Seattle SuperSonics 112, Atlenta Hawks 110; Minnesota Tamberwolves 114, Deniver Nuggels 99; Houston Rockets 122, Indiana Pacers 111; Secramento Kings 99, Dallas Mavericks 95

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(Caradon), 21-11; C Mess (Honiton) bt R
Cole (Yeovil), 21-14; C Ben'tsen (Branster)
bt E Beagies (Sloucester), 21-17; G
Standley (Long Mesdow) bt M May
(Minehead), 21-17; J C Evans
(Teignbridge) bt M Philips (Wellington),
21-9; C Martin (Dolphin) bt T Dey (Faunton
Deane), 21-14. Second round: Evans bt
Garmett, 21-0; Standley bt M D Smith, 2114; Kelly bt Mass, 21-7; Rows bt Hackett,
21-12; N Smith bt Warren, 21-10; Deniels
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bt Kelly, 21-18.

CRICKET

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HARARE: Tour match (50 overs): Dur-ham 206-4 (P Bakbridge 64); Zimbabwe 207-8 (A Shah 42 not out). Zimbabwe won by two wickets with an over to space. CYCLING ABU DHABI: Tour des Emirates: Second stage (71.3 miles): 1, P Bergsten (Swe), 2nr 3min 25asc; 2, A Darwish (UAE), 2.3.27; 3, P Joneson (Swe), 2.3.28 Terman 1, 1 P Joneson (Swe), 2.3.28 Terman 1, 2.3

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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 4, Pittsburgh Pengums 4, Minneso-12 North Stars 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

HOCKEY



at US championship RACKETS

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FOOTBALL

Bristol Rovers v Liverpool (7.45) Derby v Aston Villa (7.45) Ipswich v Bournemouth (7.45) Narwich v Millwall (7.45) Oxford Utd v Sunderland

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Fourth-round replay

Rumbelows Cup Fifth-round replay

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FA Cup

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YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CHALLENGE
CUP: First round: Cearteford 12, Hull KR
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(US) bt C Adams (US), 8-1, 7-5.

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Smashnova (Br) bt R-A. Jensen (US), 7-8,
3-6, 6-3; P O'Reilly (US) bt J Richardson
(NZ), 7-6, 6-2; S Gorner (GB) bt R ReggiConcato (II), 8-4, 6-7, 6-3; D Smatova
(Czech) bt J Hetherington (Cen), 4-6, 6-3;
C Wood (GB) bt S Reseides (US), 62, 7-8.

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Compromise suggests 22-team format is retained

Premier League deal may not satisfy FA

By Peter Ball

THE FA Premier League may now be back on course for next season, but at significant cost to the Football Association's original ideal. In their meeting at Lancaster Gate yesterday. FA, Football League and Premier League negotiators proposed that the new League will remain at 22 clubs for three seasons, finally reducing to 20 in 1995.

The compromise, a way out of the impasse of relegation and promotion during the transitional seasons, will be presented to the first division clubs in London on February 14. and to the remainder of the Football League at Walsall on February 17. If, as is means that Graham Taylor

THE Football League yester-

day called for greater finan-

cial support from the

government after a private

report showed that the clubs

are, collectively, up to £130

Although the League will

contest certain statistics in the

survey - it was based on

replies from 61 of the 93

clubs — they are prepared to

use it to push their case for an

increased cut of the pools

The government has al-

ready released £100 million

over five years to help clubs

million in debt.

betting duty.

Council, when it meets on February 20, to decide whether the League can go ahead.

That is where the problems may start. "The transitional provisions were not provided for in the September agree-ment and therefore there had to be sensible discussions to reach a compromise. I think it is a reasonable one," Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, said yesterday.

Whether the FA Council will regard it in that light will be the testing point. The mafor attraction of the new League for many councillors was the promise of a smaller first division to help the national team, but this proposal likely, it is accepted, it will will be faced with going into

League calls for financial

help from government

tions contained in the Taylor

Report. However, it will clear-

ly not be enough if the all-seat

is very emotive," Andy Wil-

liamson, assistant secretary of

the League, said. "A signifi-

cant proportion of that mon-

ey, probably more than £50 million, will be in the first

"Clubs lower down are far

less exposed but the size of

operations still makes it a

difficult problem. It under-

lines why the deadline for

implementation of Taylor will

"The figure of £130 million

rule remains.

division.

with his leading players still undergoing their intolerable

"I am disappointed, and I think council will be disappointed," Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, con-firmed yesterday. "We will have to wait and see if they will approve it."

If the FA does not ratify the new League on February 20. it would mean that the Premier League will almost certainly not start next season and that prospect may serve to concentrate their minds. There will undoubtedly be considerable unhappiness

The proposal is likely to be received more sympathetical-

financial assistance from gov-

The report, produced by Dr

Simon Pitt, formerly of the

London Business School, was

published on the day when

representatives of the Foot-

ball Association, Football

League and Premier League

met for further talks in

London to discuss the future

Pitt suggests that a dozen

clubs are facing extinction

and Williamson confirmed

that six are receiving cash

assistance from the Profes-

Footballers'

ernment is extended."

to lose the extra home gates that a reduction to 20 would mean, and delaying it for three years will certainly lessen the damage, even if, in theory, it means that 13 of the current first division could have lost their place in the sun by the time the League settles at 20 clubs.

The Football League response is more problematic, but the likelihood must be that the clubs will approve the compromise. There are, however, other problems from their point of view.

"There are still major stum-bling blocks," Gordon McKeag, the president of the Football League, said. One which still remains to be solved is criteria for admission to the Premier League, with the Football League rejecting the FA's attempt to impose a minimum ground capacity on candidates. If that is not solved, the whole package could still fall down, so there is clearly still a long way to go before the Premier League takes off.

☐ Bern: European football's governing body, Uefa, said yesterday that individual clubs competing in the European Cup will no longer be able to sell television rights for play-off matches. A statement said Uefa's executive committee had decided to market the television and advertising rights under the authority's own name with effect from

UEFA said this would earn at least \$49 million next year, to be divided between the system will apply only to the play-offs. (AP)



Slippery slope of success: Edwards poses on a Bedfordshire roof yesterday

Grounded Eagle hoping to soar again in 1994

TWO years is a long time in snow husiness. For Eddie Edwards, it will seem an eternity. The sixteenth Winter Olympics begin on Saturday, but already Edwards is yearning for the seventeenth, in

1994. The coming Albertville spectacular will not be the same without him; no tales, we can assume, of an Olympian denied entry to his own press conference, or of nights in a mental hospital on the way to the Games, or of a ski jumper strapping rockets to his skis. The low-flying highflier of the last Games, in Calgary, has, thanks to a blocking move by authority,

been made persona non grata for Albertville. Edwards, glasses thick with skin to match, attracted worldwide attention for his miserable ski jumping in Calgary. He was last in the 70 metres and last in the 90 metres. Yet he was the embodiment of Olympic spirit and, for that reason, the most popular figure at the Games. Popular with almost every-

one, except the British Olympic Association (BOA). Embarrassed by Edwards cornering the publicity mar-ket, the BOA raised the standard of qualification for Albertville beyond his reach. Not that it has minded taking advantage of his profile. In the last six months, according to Andrew Petherick, his

manager, EDwards has made "at least a dozen anpearances as the figurehead at BOA Olympic fund-raising events, the majority unpaid.

Declared bankrupt in November with debts of £119,000, now is his time for making money again. He lost some £300,000 from his trust fund; the result, he claims, of mismanagement by the trustees. But a slope runs both ways and what goes down must come up: the offers of work have been rolling in

As we talked yesterday, two tabloid daily newspapers were fighting over him as a columnist, Minnesota was on the phone for him to open its ski run, and the man himself was looking forward to being Eurosport's expert in Paris at the Olympic ski jumping. There were other offers beside. "It has been all go," Petherick said.

None of this is any consolation for not being in Albertville. But his hopes of being in Lillehammer for the 1994 Games have just been raised by the return of his licence to compete in European Cup events. With the licence, which he has been denied for the past two years, he can aspire to ranking in the world's top 50 and, with that, be almost guaranteed Olympic selection.

"I would say I would have at least an 80 per cent chance

of competing in Lillehammer." Edwards, aged 28, said. He has not competed at the highest level, the World Cup, for three years, and only once in that time in the European Cup. "I have never stopped training." he said. "I am still trying to prove that I am a good skier. I just want to get in as much

practise as I can between now and Albertville." A slip of the tongue. He meant to say Lillehammer but the thought that he should be in France now. with the British team, will not go away. "The British Ski Federation [BSF] have been very uncooperative as regards giving me my licence for the European Cup and I've only just managed to force their

hand," he said. The BSF was one of three parties involved in handling his trust. "There is ongoing litigation for the money that has been lost and it is likely to result in an out-of-court settle ment." Petherick said.

In the meantime, he has been earning what he can from being a stunt man, wing-walking on an aircraft and skiing down a ramp to jump ten cars in Christchurch. Nothing is certain in ski jumping and he cleared only eight. In May, he will try soaring over boats on the river. Who will lend the ninth and tenth boats? Not the BOA, you can be sure.

Plan to silence **English** support

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE French, still smarting over their defeat in the Rugby World Cup quarter-final, are planning to separate English supporters into small groups for the five nations' championship match in Paris on February 15, so as to prevent the visitors from coherently cheering their team.

While Pierre Berbizier, the new French coach, has been trying to take the heat out of the situation by talking with evident friendliness last month to English journalists and inviting them to a recep-tion before the match, the new president of the French federation has other ideas.

Bernard Lapasset said yesterday: "I never want to hear the growing chant of 'England, England' again. I have a plan to silence the English choirs. I am going to split them up into small groups. They will be dispersed round the 50,000-seat Parc des

However, despite the pre-cautions, Lapasset must still keep French tickets out of English hands. The federation has no control over French clubs, which are free to sell their allocation of

"As far as atmosphere is concerned, it is a worry. Our opponents could find themselves with more than double the number of tickets and it would stop us from establishing a strong presence." he

He called on rugby supporters round the country to come to Paris to support the national team "which is going to need this backing to beat the formidable England team." England's victory in the World Cup was followed by the referee being allegedly insulted by, among others, Pascal Ondarts, the prop, and manhandled by Daniel Dubroca, the coach, who lat-

Lapasset has a further scheme to drum up support for the French. He has invited two brass bands from the southwest to lead the French cheering - and to drown the English chants.

More rugby, page 28

Games site hit by snow falls

Albertville: The first snowstorm in nearly a month blanketed the French Alps with up to 30cm of snow yesterday, just four days before the opening of the Winter Olympics here.

The French weather service said it would continue snowing until tomorrow at the highest elevations, including Val d'Isère, site of the men's downhill on Sunday, and Les Saisies, where the cross-country skiing competition also begins Sunday. Les Saisies appeared to have the heaviest snowfall, with 25cm to 30cm by mid afternoon.

Lower down the Alps in Albertville, heavy rain drenched the outdoor Olympic speed skating track, hampering the training plans of early arrivals. Skaters braved the conditions only briefly. (Agencies)

Absentees overshadow replay

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THEY almost certainly will not play, but the names of Andy Gray and Teddy Sher-ingham have been much mentioned in the build-up to tonight's Rumbelows Cup fifth-round replay between Nottingham Forest and Crystal Palace at the City Ground.

While speculation suggests Forest are prepared to sell Sheringham to Crystal Palace for £1.5 million, Gray is

mour even suggests a possible player-exchange. Gray is scheduled to play for the re-serves at Aldershot and his absence could provide Simom Osborn with a chance

Palace midfield. Alan Smith, the club's assistant manager, said yester-day: "People like Simon and Geoff Thomas have got to be our tigers and get in amongst

transfer-listed by Palace and Forest." Forest, in contrast, to Southampton, but, with mood last Saturday when they lost 5-2 at home to Sheffield United.

of the sport.

Having himself been on the wrong end of a five-goal thrashing by Clough's team earlier in the season, Steve to establish himself in the Coppell, the Palace manager, is not about to underestimate them. "Saturday was just a one-off," he said. "There is

nothing wrong at Forest." Sheringham was dropped for the Sheffield United match, but Coppell, who sold Marco Gabbiadini to Derby County for £1.2 million last week, declined to comment on his alleged interest in the former Millwall forward who moved to Nottingham for £2 million last summer.

Forest made an offer for Gray last week, and the player said: "Hopefully, there will be a development with Forest on Thursday or Friday. I would definitely be interested. in them. I have gone from playing for England in Poland to a reserve match at Aldershot in just three months, but it is a situation I have got to get out of, and I am strong enough to do just

Back at the City Ground, Forest and Palace will compete for a semi-final tie against Tottenham Hotspur, Nottingham's conquerors in last season's FA Cup final. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has delayed announcing his side for the FA Cup

fourth-round replay at home

selects from a position of strength and the indications are that Lee Sharpe will start as a substitute after recover-

ing from injury. United, who drew 0-0 at The Dell last week, must contend with the attacking ability of Alan Shearer, ironically the subject of speculation regarding a possible £4 million transfer to Old Trafford, and Matthew Le Tissier. Ferguson is concerned that

his team, lucky not to lose in the first game, have scored only ten goals in their last nine games. "We must restore our goal ratio," he said.
"I think the fact that Lee Sharpe is fit again and may soon be back on the wing could help in this respect. Tonight's winners face a fifth-round tie at Bolton



Coppell: tigerish spirit

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Samaranch wants to take Nebiolo on board FROM DAVID MILLER IN COURCHEVEL

A NEW controversy is about to envelop the session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) starting here today. It is similar to that which accompanied the election of Mario Vázquez Rana of Mexico as an IOC member at the session in

Birmingham last summer. This time the issue is that other Latin who rouses IOC resistance, Primo Nebiolo, the president of international athletics, and his integration within the IOC.

The issue is, I believe, sound on principle but clouded by personalities. For the past 24 hours, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the IOC, and Nebiolo, who arrived in this

Alpine village on Monday, have been working behind closed doors in continuous discussion with those who might support Nebiolo's mission, and an attempt to limit any opposition. Samaranch's personal

prestige, after almost 12 years as president, is sufficient not to be looking to award subjective favours. He sincerely believes that it is necessary to the effective function of the IOC that the president of the Association of National Olympic Committees (Vázquez Rana) and of the major Olympic sport, athletics, are included. The president of the other most prominent sport, Joao Havelange, of football, has been an IOC member for almost 30 years, well before he

Samaranch has been wishing to embrace Vázquez ten years, and was twice frustrated when attempting to make them ex-officio members. The chance came to have Vazquez Rana elected in his own right as member for Mexico, in succession to Dr Eduardo Hay, but this met serious objections at Birmingham from a dozen or

more members and there

were many abstentions on

the vote. Gossip in the hotels here yesterday was of little else. Some of those who might be expected to vote against Nebiolo were merely shrug-ging their shoulders with resignation. The reaction of the Princess Royal, president of equestrian federation, will be interesting. Nebiolo is

ation of Summer Olympic In-ternational Federations, in which position he has several times crossed swords with the Princess.

Samaranch is believed likely to base his justification on the recommendations. contained in a letter to him in 1980 from Lord Killanin, on his retirement, that the IOC president should have the right to nominate up to two advisers within the IOC on important Olympic-related matters. What, therefore, will be required during the session is adjustments of the charter by laws to accommodate this.

The view of Samaranch is that certain problems, con-cerning finance and other disputes, will be eased by Nebiolo's admission; Games in Barcelona.

though, even the executive board has mixed feelings. While excluded, Nebiolo has publicly and privately repeatedly protested at the anomaly - in his opinion - of the situation. Once within the hallowed club, however, the friction would be reduced al-

most overnight.

There are those who would believe that the failure of the IAAF to re-admit an integrated South African federation is because of Nebiolo's demand for unanimity among former South African racial government bodies of

There is suspicion that an IOC welcome would ameliorate his opinion, and it is clearly important that South African athletes should be in the team for the Summer



Nebiolo: controversial



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Véronique Neiertz: the champion of women

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End of an era: Paul Fox on David Plowright

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On the run with Rushdie

Three years ago, Marianne Wiggins joined her husband, Salman Rushdie, in hiding after the author of The Satanic Verses fell victim to the Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa. Ms Wiggins kept a diary, from which this essay, Croeso I Gymru (Welcome to Wales), is extracted

'I was not

were on the lam in Wales, running through the Black Mountains like unarmed smugglers from the righteous with their guns.

Everywhere we went there were slate tombstones, upright shadows, on the hills. In the towns there were slate houses, with slate roofs. There was darkness, dead as coal, behind the windows of the houses. There were ravens in the fields and on the roads. English words from a Welsh poet seemed to sit on the horizon like an advertisement for the land: This sad distracted abstract of my woe.

The mountains wore a beard of snow, even as the pussy willows in the valleys bloomed. Pussy willow trees in Wales are called "goat" willows, I found out, because goats

like to eat their leaves. Only the male trees, with yellow catkins, are called

allowed to we'd Where found a hideout for hold a a while, there was a male goat willow tree in bloom that I conversation with a looked on to from my window. I cut stranger. its Why was I branches for a jar that I placed in the there? window in the kitchen of the house, but then the catkins, turning

golden, made me sneeze. I found out about the "goat" name for the tree from a book called Trees of Britain that I'd found on the bookshelf in the kitchen next to cookbooks and some novels by Alistair MacLean. That's how I knew about the catkins, but I didn't know what 'catkin" meant. I looked it up in the dictionary that I always travel with. Anyone who knows me knows that I can't spell. I have to keep a dictionary with me within reach, even for something as simple as writing a letter. There are times when I can't spell Sincerely. At home, where we used to live, I had a dictionary handy in each room. Now I have a single one, and a good thing, too — the people who are with us now

depend on it for Scrabble. A "catkin", I can tell you, is an inflorescence. I depend on books for meaning. I depend on them for definition. A "catkin" is a thing defined as "a reduced flower of either sex". Following the definition of "catkin" in my dictionary there was the advice, "See ament". I didn't feel like seeing ament. Instead I watched the thaw of snow across the tops of mountains. The Welsh say when there's snow on mountains it's an indication

there'll be more. I learned that from a book about Welsh legends. Eventually I did see ament and its definition was "another word for catkin". Its second definition,

dows, there were hedgerows, yews and daffodils. No kitchen gardens century at the Aberystwyth market, potatoes, per pound, were as expensive as the local cheese. Oats

what the Welsh ate, in a porridge

found a sheep skull, embedded in the earth beside a corkscrew holly.

where. We laughed sometimes, called the scenery The Big Sheep. On days when I could walk, when it wasn't pelting hail or rain or snowing, on days when they allowed me to, I walked and walked, straight up sheer hills, out of anger, up over turfy lichen-strewn terrain punctuated now and then by those wind-bleached sheep skulls beached like whelks, and by fox holes and those twisted

scarifying intervals, jump jets: a Harrier's harangue: RAF: unmarked: some of them dark green and some of them with red and white striped bellies. These were the Hunters, I learned. And I learned other things; that a sheep can recognise another sheep but can't differentiate between a horse and human. That a swede is a rutabaga and is used for cattle fodder. That sheep eat bestroot and molasses. That great tracts of Wales are designated by Great Britain solely for the practice of

war games. Near where we were hiding there was an MOD training camp where paratroopers trained. Young men in green track suits with the information COMBAT '89 stenciled on their sweatshirts

ament II, was "Noun. Psychiatry.
A mentally deficient person." Next to the houses built of

plastered-over slate along the roads, the houses with dark wingrew. A kitchen garden — chamo-mile dill. parsley, carrots, rue — is an English affectation: in Wales the land around a house is purely land, no frippery, no spices grown. The potato did not root in Wales until a century post-Raleigh and even in the middle of the 18th

> they called bwdran. Cawi, a vegetable hotpot with potatoes and a bit of bacon or a sheep joint added to it, is the traditional dish in Wales: Sheep are the common

Walking upon a Sheep were every-

holly trees surprising the horizon. Above me, at about two feet at

> likely, because I have an accent. there are 800 million people.

breed of dog.



practised calisthenics in our road, and military Land Rovers outnumbered every other sort of vehicle I saw. I was afraid I would be recog-

nised, and once a military Land Rover passed me on our road and slowed down and stopped and waited and I took off, changed direction and headed back across the meadows. When I told this to the people that we have to live with now they told me that it wasn't that the person in the Land Rover had identified me as the person who I am but that he had identified me as a woman. The people that we have to live with now have taught me a few things about an all-male camp: they like to look at women. Men do. So I'm

Then once, too, I thought the woman in the health food store in the market town I shopped in had recognised me, owing to the way she stared at me. But the people that we have to live with now told me that she stared at me, most

One of the people that we live with now asked me when he came to us the first time, "Say, do you know Neil Schreiber?" No, I said. Who's Neil Schreiber? "Chap I know. American. He has an accent just like yours. I thought maybe you knew him." But in my village I was tempted to reply

Another one of the people that we have to live with now told me that when his wife, who's Thal, came to live in England she thought the sheep were a foreign

There were so many sheep where we were hiding that 100,000 were stolen last year around the town of Brecon. Brecon is a market town. At the Brecon market there were: barren cows, fat bulls, fat ewes, fat hoggets, weaned calves, breeding cows, bulling heifers, cull bulls, pedigree beef bulls and rams. I learned this by reading local papers.

While we were in hiding I read the papers, local ones, like someone on a river, like that someone, the colonel, in Garcia Marquez's story who reads the papers that come on the boat once a week, outof-date papers from elsewhere, he reads every word of them, chronologically, front to back, everything, even the ads.

he local paper that I looked forward to the most was published every week, on Thursdays. Thursdays, then, held definite excitement. The paper cost 24 pence. No other journal - not The New York Times not The Washington Post nor The Guardian was more looked forward to by me during those weeks than the Brecon-Radnor Express & Powys County Times, 16 pages every week. It was through that weekly that I learned location, began to find out where I was and who the people were that sometimes passed by me on the road.

I was not allowed to hold a conversation with a stranger. The question Are you staying in the village? when I went into a store one day to buy some coal to fire the stove which heated the house where we were hiding prevented me from ever going back. I was the American — Americans around those parts were few. Why was I there? What was my purpose?

The coal stove in the kitchen was a Bosky. I learned about the different kinds of anthracite that

one can buy. I learned why many of the sheep are painted colours coded blue, magenta, orange, like flash-cards on the hills; carded wool. One colour means they've lambed, another means the ram

Dafad is the Welsh word meanand dyfodol is the Welsh word meaning future. I know this because in Brecon one day I bought a dictionary and a book called Weish for Learners. I needed to find out about the daffodils. I wanted to find out how they, the daffodils, became a symbol of the Welsh. I knew about the leek, because a leek is on pound coins.

There are three imprints of pound coins in Great Britain: one of them is English, one of them is Scottish, one is Welsh. All bear the Queen's profile on one side, although on the English and the Scottish coins her image is much younger-looking than the image on the Welsh. The Scottish pound coin has a thistle, verso, a thistle set inside a crown. Around the edge of the Scottish version there's the motto NEMO ME IMPUNE LA-CESSIT: No one touches me without unpleasant conse-

On the verso of the English one there's the coat of arms of England and a lot of French — HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE and DIEU ET MON DROIT — and around the edge of it there are the Latin words DECUS ET TUTAMEN.

On the Welsh pound coin there's a fancy leek, looking like a fleurde-lis, with its stem stuck through a crown, just like the Scottish thistle. Around its edge are etched the words PLEIDIOL WYF I'M GWLAD. I needed to find out what pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad meant. Its meaning became a sort of test, a sort of project to me.

My days were filled with projects; one day I cooked a swede, for instance. It seemed to take forever. One day, too, I catalogued the differences among the sorts of lichen I had found. One day I tried to learn about the game of rugby. I made a project out of watching birds for about a minute every other day, or when I saw an interesting, bright-coloured one.

A hatch, or something --- blue, and yellow-breasted - liked to feed on certain catkins in the tree outside my window, and I learned the border-country legend about one magpie brings you rotten luck but when you see two magpies on the wing together you're going to get a treat. So every time you see a single magpie you're supposed to say: "Where's your mistress, Mister Magpie?" and the magpie is assumed to answer, By my side but

you can't see her. One day we got a letter from a friend in Canada whose eight-year-old daughter wrote to say that she was working on a project about blinking. This was a subject that I filed away for

future use. In the meantime I had learned that plismon is the Welsh word for policeman. But as for pleidiol wyf I'm gwlad: I was having trouble cracking it. Gwlad, I found out, means "country". But the rest, the other words . . . the closest I could come to pieidiol was piedio, the verb which means "to plead".

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An everyday story of separated folk

The day that I became single again - some time last August - I felt it was important to perform some symbolic acts. After all, I reasoned, younever know when a social anthropologist might be watching. I tried to picture what a newly single woman would be expected to do, to mark the reclaiming of the living environment after years of cohabitation. Washing the walls and beating the carpets sounded the right kind of thing - but on the other hand it also sounded a bit strenuous, and I didn't want to

alarm the cats. So perhaps, instead, the newly single woman might do a little light tidying? Form the old newspapers into distinct new piles? Pick up the dusty used tissue that she always stared at, mindlessly, through hour-long telephone conversations? This all seemed manageable, given the emotional circumstances. Oh yes, and she might ceremoniously replace the lavatory seat to its "down" position, with an exaggerated flourish and a round of applause. This was ample Coming of Age in Samoa

stuff for a single afternoon. But I remember that the lirst evening I was also moved to root through a heap of books until I found Anthony Storr's Solitude. This was a book I had wanted to read for a very long time; and I felt I should seize the moment. I read it avidly until 9.30pm, after which Lileft it unopened on the coffee table for the next three months, hoping that some of its inspiring message would miraculously buoy my spirit. I don't know why I stopped reading. People must have thought I was a real stoic. savouring a book called Solitude over such a long period. Either that, of course, or that I couldn't read without moving my lips.

Storr thinks that solitude has much to recommend it. He says it promotes creativity - making people write novels, and so forth. Look at Anita Brookner, Edward Gibbon and, er, many, many others. Interestingly, a large pro-portion of our philosophers turn out to have been lonely miserable gits who walked about wearing buckets on their heads.

There was something wrong with the appeal of this argument. but I couldn't put my finger on it. Months later, however, I do still hold out hope that the novelwriting and world-class philosophy stage will bounce along nicely when the time is right. I have bought a few note-pads, just in case. And a cardigan. The only trouble is that at the moment i SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss on rehabilitation

after cohabitation



can't seem to pass a rather more mundane stage in the experience of solitude. I can't seem to overcome my excitement at being able (at long last) to listen to The Archers without having to do it in

I never accepted the idea that "love means never having to say you're sorry". In my own case, love invariably means never being allowed to listen to The Archers -

and in fact saying "Oops, sorry, I'll turn it off then, shall I?" when discovered in the guilty act. I kept faith with The Archers during three solid years of strict prohibition, just waiting for the day when I could again turn the theme tune up to maximum volume, as a statement: "Yes, I love The Archers, and I'm proud."

My fanaticism may have been forced underground, but it remained resilient, like the French Resistance. I take this as living proof that inside every cohabiting person there is a single person humming "Dum de dum de dum de dum" waiting to get out.

The more I think about it, the more I impress myself — the clever ways I found to mask my addiction. I remember those Sunday mornings when I would grab the car-keys at around 10.13am, saying, "Just popping down to Croydon for the Sunday papers, dear. I shouldn't be more than, oooh, let's say an hour." And I would dash off and sit in the car with dark glasses on, agog to the omnibus edition on the car radio. I don't suppose the boyfriend ever suspected anything - although he did say: "Why are

you taking a flask of cocoa?" and "What's wrong with buying them from the man on the corner?" I expect the Archers euphoria

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stage was something Wittgenstein went through, too - and Edward Gibbon, I shouldn't wonder. The other novelties certainly wore off. in time. The tidying of newspapers, for example, started to look like a mug's game, so I ditched it. I expect I can call in a specialist with a fork-lift truck when I can't kick a path to the window any more.

For a while, too, I made a point of playing records with significant words — "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair" and "I'm Still Standing", by Elton John, and lectured friends on the potency of cheap music.

But now the flat is sometimes eerily quiet, and I rattle around in it. like a lone Malteser in a shoebox. It is an odd thing, this single life. And Gloria Steinem's famous feminist axiom - that a woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle - has been of strangely little comfort. I agree with the sentiment, but I wish she had chosen a different image. Unfortunately I find it very easy to imagine a sardine on a mountainbike joyfully bowling along country lanes; or a tuna in a yellow jersey winning the Tour de France on the happiest day of its life.

TOMORROW John Diamond's Private Life PLEASE DON'T LOOK AWAY

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DON GIOVANNI: Johannes Schael's new production of Mozan's opera aw production of Mozarr a opera impletes his Da Ponte cycle at Covent Garden, which began with Figano in 1987, Bernard Haitink, now as uren. conductes The extremely strong cast includes Thomas Allen, by now a highly experienced Giovantis. Carol Vaness (Donna Anna), Martia Marquez (Zerfina), Bryn Terfel (Masetto), Claudio Desderi (Leporello), Hans Peter Biochwitz (Don Ottisvio), Patricia Schuma (Norona Elvert and Robbert Schuman (Donna Elvira) and Robert

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (07: 240 1066/1911), 7pm. LUCIAN FREUD: Though all recent shows of Freud seem to include the same nucleus of works, this one covers the whole of his career and has already been seen in Rome and Malan under the aegls of the British Council lincludes all 11 works owned by the Tate, as well as foans from several controls.

Tate Gallery, Albert Docks, Liverpool (051-709 3223) Tues, 11am-5pm, West Sun, 10am-5pm, opens today until March 22.

BARCLAYS YOUNG ARTISTS EARCLAYS YOUNG ATTISTS
AWARD: In previous years (this is the
eighth) this show has offered useful
pointers to the land of thing that is
going on at art schools today. Pointers,
only, because obviously the tastes of
the judges also intervent: the year
they are Mel Gooding, John NeEwen
and Bruce McLean. The nine artists
shortlisted seem to be mostly
interested in metallations and found
objects, afther than painting and objects, rather than painting and sculpture of more traditional lands Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (071-402 6075) Daily, 10am-6pm, opens locay until Warsh B.

☑ BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay from Derek Jacobi and Hobert Urrisay in Anoulih's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (177-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mets Wed, Sat, Spm, 165mms.

II BLOOC WEOCHIC: Lorai's tragedy ralocated in Cuba but the sexual passon is thin, bloodless Lorea. National (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2,30pm and 7,30pm, 120mins, Final performances.

THE CABINET MINISTER: Ownk Nimms and Maureen Lipman in a snob-bish, largely unfurny Pinero comedy, Albery, St. Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-867 1115), Mon-Set, 7.45pm, male Wed,

LI THE COTTON CLUB: An Impression of the Harlam nightspot; high on energy, low on story frestmess. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-838 6404). Mon-Fri, 7:30pm, Set, 8pm, mats Wed, 2:30pm, Set, 4pm, 150mins DANCING AT LUCHNASA: Brief Friel's Ofivier Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegal. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, Bpm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 160mins.

LI AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look escor nut Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Frl, Set, Spm and 8.45pm, 130mine.

FAITH HEALER: Stirring performances in Brien Friel's early play performances in Brien Friel's early play four monologues) exploring a heeler's doubts and sporado powers. Rigyal Court, Sloans Squars, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm. 206mins

THE GIGH CONCERT: Party Poster is obsessed with making an irish millionaire (Tony Dayle) into the new milionaire (Torry Doyle) into the new Gigli in Torn Murphy's powerful fable. Almeide, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404), Mon-Sat, Spm. mai Sat, 4pm.

PI GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Sebsiying musical celebrating Pittles and Stores pop disseles. Greet stuff, Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 G309), Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Sat, 5,30pm and 8,30pm 2,15mins, ☐ ONCE A CATHOLIC: Walcome return of Mary J. O'Malley's romping

BOUDU SAVED FROM DROWNING EOUDU SAVED FROM ORDWHINE (PS): Welcome revival of Jeen Reton's surerchic pastorale (1932), with Michael Ermon as the unregenerate tramp clasped to the bourgeoid bosom. Plus Jean Vigo's surrest view of school days, Záno de canduite (U.). Passotr (071-937 2402).

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesuit (Lotheline Bluteau) tries to convert inclens in northern Quebec, intelligent epic from Brian Moore's novel. Director, Bruce Berestord. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-487 9995).

 DOUBLE IMPACT (18): Jean-Claude Van Demme, the "muscles from Brussets", as two twin brothers righting wrongs in Hong Kong, Leme action movils Director, Sheldon Lattlich. Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501) Plaza (071-487 9998)

HORS LA VIE (15): Mesterly account rions LA VIE (19): Maintry account of a French hosisge's file in the furmoil of Bernit. Hippolyte Gitardol; director, Maroun Bagdadi. Carmon Totterham Court Road (071-836 6148) Screen on Bakar Street (071-935 2772).

LIFE ON A STITUNG: Chinase for music and luscious images, forever hovering on the brink of allegory initating film from Yallow Sarth dire Chen Kalge. ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

MY GIRL (PG): Teeth-grating blend of pra-teen angst and middle-aged romance, Macaulay Cilláin gata his first kiss With Anna Chumksy, Dan Ayknyd, Jamie Lee Curila. Director, Hannard Zila. Howard Zieff Odeon Leicester Square (0428 015353),

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Kari Knight

LA BETE: Although the New York production of American David Hirson's comedy lipped on Broadway last year, backer Andrew Lloyd Webber taken hir departer. akes his chances with a proposed sureck run at the Lyric Ha week run at the Lync Haumenstehm The comedy, lavelily staged by Richard Jones, is set in Molière's France Alan Cumming leads the cast. Lync Theatre, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311), 7.45pm

BOURNEMOUTH SINFONIETTA: BOURTEEMAND THE STATE OF THE ST new Tryst, Stravinsky's Dences Classical Symphony around the country this week and next. Tambs Véséry n Elizabeth Half, South Bank, n SE1 (071-928 8800), 7 45pm

PHILHARMONIA: Mikhail Pletnev, who recently formed his own orchestreturns to the piece of a performance of Beethoven's First Piece Concerto. Rudolf Bershel conducts, and preface the piece with the same composer's Coriolan overture before the grand finale of Shostakovich's powerfully

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only
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comedy about convent gris growing up between nurs and teddy boys. Tricycle, 269 Kiburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, Born, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Final week.

ORPHANS: Gripping psychological in community is spond paychological triller where a wealthy crook is ludrapped by two brothers: the RSC France at dis best. Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176), Tues-Sat, Spm. 135mins.

D PAINTING CHURCHES: flan CHUNCHEST Man Philips es an elderly Boston couple, Jose Lawrence their artistic daughter in a questy fouching family play. Playhouse, Northemberland Avenue, WC2 (071-893-4401), Mon-Sat, Spm., mats Wed, Sat, Spm., 120mins,

D PHANTON OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller; tunes by Otlenbach, Verdi and Weber but Shaffesbury, Shafreebury Avenue, WC2,071-379 5399; Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sal. 6.30pm, mats Thurs, Spm, Ser, Spm. 150mins.

A POSTER OF THE CORMOS: London Gay Thesire Company in five American playlets, withy or polygant, well done and mostly worth deling, Offstage Downstales, 37 Chair, Farm Road, NW1 (071-287 0467). Tuee-Sun, 8pm 128mins.

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Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road,
WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Set, 7,30pm,
mets Thurs, Set, 2,30pm, 150mins ☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers which through the music

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

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♦ THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Tasty teast of black humour, inspired by the 1980s TV apin-off from Charles Aridame's macebre carloons. Starring Gennon Chaises (071-352 5086) MGM Trocadero (071-434 6031) Chil

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 BLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12): Mistaken identities in Vernice. Impersonal, machine-looked, old-fashoned ferce. With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffithe, Patsy Kenait, Writandrector, Mark Herman.
Cannons: Chelesa (071-382 5096) Oxford Street (071-536 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914665) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). ♦ COUPE DE VILLE (12): Three

• CAUPE DE VILLE (12): Three warning brothers travel cross-country in a 1554 Cacillac. Every blend of sued movie, male-bonding comedy, and 1960s nostelgia. With Patrick Demosay, Arye Gross, Daniel Stern; director, Joe Roth. Cannons: Fulhern Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 5148).

DEJCATESSEN (15): French video whiczkide Jeunet and Caro's wonderfully bizarre fantasy about a houseful of tenants siving above a cannibalistic butcher. Dominique

Literature GIT BALLE!: The contribute spring of the Leading with two programmes, the last observa a many examine disease programmes, the last observa a many examine disease promising mix with Sametova's staging of the Learnerie Pas de Siz, the Graefe Pas de Deux, Muteracker Suste and Peter Derrell's Othella.

Hastagion Theatre, Queen's Walk, Theatleg (0734 591591), 7.30pm

HALLE: French conductor Sylvam Cambreling conducts three concerts with the Halle this week. The

programme features the Overture. Nachane and Scherzo from Mendelssohn s A Melaummer Night's Dream, Schulbert's Eighth Symphony.

Dream, Schubert's Eighth Symphony, and works by Debussy: Prätude å

l'après-midi d'un laure and La Mer)

Sunday Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7:30pm

THE ROARING GIRL'S HAMLET: Alexander Mathie as Mol Culpurse, flouting convention to mount an al-woman Hamler in 1805. Opening night. Warehouse Theatre, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 406), 8pm.

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ON APPHOVAL: Transver research revised of Lonadale's drawing-room cornedy, directed by David Giles, and with a supporting cast including Edward De Souza, Judy Cafford and Michael Cochrane, Following its Michael Cochrane, Following its Michael Cochrane, Policy Report Countries of Countries of the production

opening in Guidford, the production will be on low until late March. As yet,

London audiences can see the play

LONDON GITY BALLET: The

ne Armaud Theatre, Millbrook, ord (0483 64571), 7.45pm.

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A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two plentets in likeable tribute to Cale Porter's wit and way metodies.
Vasdeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836-9887). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8:30pm, mate Wed, 2:30pm, 8et, 5:30pm, 140mins.

TALKNIG HEADS: Provide Boutledge and Alan Bennett excellent three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of Josefste Ives. Comady, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 (M5), Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, Spm, Sat, 4pm 150mns.

A TRISUTE TO THE MUES BAOTHERS: Lively parade of tunely oldlies. Good fun. Whitehell, Whitehell, SW1 (071-857 1119) Mon-Thure, 8 15pm, Frl, Set, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

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♦ JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy seeassingtion, Kevin Costner as crusading D.A. Jim Garrison; a buetling Supporting cost.
Berbican (071-638 8891) Camden
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Pulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). LITTLE MAN TATE (PG); How and how not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Hann-Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Foster) easily offset the facile

Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Foster) essity offset the facile rooments. Cannon Cheisea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (0428 915353) Kansington (0426 91466f) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleye (071-792 3332).

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MISSISSIPPI MASALA (16): Indianal displaced from Uganda to Mississippi frei over ruce and young love. Sharp insights, but soggy at the centre. Starring Sarita Choudhary, Denzel Washington. Director, Mira Nair. Curzon West End (U71-439 4805).

Gripped by a fiendish plot

THEATRE

The Master and Margarita Battersea Arts Centre

ECHOING Dr Johnson on a slightly different spectacle, we applaud not that it is done well but that it is done at all. In fact, the impossible task of bringing Mikhail Bulgakov's teemingly grotesque novel of a (literally) diabolical visit to Moscow, with its picaresque throng of characters and events, satire and fantasy, comes overwell enough to send us scurrying back to the book with renewed excitement.

Even with 14 players, a monumental number in today's theatre, the Company of Clerks has cut, condensed and concentrated the sprawling story. The satirical edge is blunted in favour of a ranting good narrative, complexity is lost in favour of clarity. This group started its life with a production of Marivaux's Slave island in 1989 and is evidently not afraid of a challenge. In Guy K. Retallack's production, a mainly young cast plays with intelligence

and, in some cases, great promise. Kenny Miller's set keeps a third of the acting area curtained off except for such strategic moments as the

YOU are a choreographer seeking

recognition and money. You hear about the Bagnolet International

Choreographic Competition which,

from its unlikely launch in a grey

Paris suburb, has been extending its

net ever wider to entrants all over the

world. You read that they are offering

five awards of 200,000 francs each;

one of 100,000 francs and long- and

short-term residencies. So you and

First, you take part in a qualifying

heat or "choreographic platform", of which there are 22 this year. They are

held in France, Hungary, Japan, the

United States and nine other

performances over three evenings under the title "Spring Collection".

turns out to be quite an ordeal.

Besides competing to be selected for

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launch of the Pontius Pilate story. a recurring counterpoint to the adventures of Satan and his suite in modern Muscovite society. Peter Marinker is the grizzled procurator, one of his few roles without a transatlantic accent.

and very good too. The heart of the black extravaganza lies with the devil: Jonathan Oliver's gravel-voiced suavity strikes the right balance between silky menace and deceptive humour. The book's big set pieces are adequately suggested, from the black magic display which results in a theatrical compère's decapitation, to the satanic ball where murderers waltz to Die Fledermaus.

The title roles, an asylum-confined writer and his faithful sweetheart who dines with the devil in her quest to help him, are taken by Liam Halligan and Thomasina Unsworth with total conviction.

Along with the best tunes, Satan has the most striking sidekicks. Jonathan Coyne's snarling demon, with lank red hair and single stumpy lang, and David Glennie as the cat, Behemoth, prone to an unnerving throaty growl, must be mentioned. But the whole show - three and a half hours of it - is a labour of love, and holds the audience's attention without flagging.



MARTIN HOYLE Sweetness and fright: Thomasina Unsworth and Jonathan Covne

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Place. From the spectators' point of view, there is a catch. The competition is rigorously democratic, open as much to complete outsiders as to good bets. For instance, I shall not be rushing to see another of Dance Unlimited's uniquely barrque extravagances. Nor do I feel compelled to catch the full version of Company Teracca's Terrestrial Tangram: a profusion of move-ment, sound and colour that may have added up to something, but there again, may not.

Many of the pieces performed offered a satisfying density of dancing; on-stage clothes lines and costume changes emerged as favoured features. But, even more often, chore-

ographers simply failed to make their intentions clear.

Forbidden Realm by Plt Fong Loh (choreographer in residence at The Place) came accompanied by an explanatory programme note, yet the movement images still seemed obscure and long-winded. Again, the choreography of Ben Craft and Gary Lambert's Imagine for Ricochet Dance Company may or may not have had a connection with a recorded poem by Confucius about (ironicalthe importance of

communication. The interlocking shapes and striking movement motifs, though, had an impressive energy and fluency: and there was the boms of Craft's own arresting presence on stage. Always a spectacular performer when he was with Rambert Dance Company and Michael Clark's group, he fuses a sharp-edged sculptural quality with a coiled, feline power.

Perhaps the Lambert-Craft team are in with a chance; perhaps so, too,

is Lea Anderson (a previous Bagnolet winner). She has entered three extracts from her coming work. Birthday, which uses the combined forces the Cholmondeleys and the Featherstonehaughs and her familiar style of allusive repeated gesture performed in unison blocks.

But my money goes on the former Royal Ballet dancer, Jonathan Burrows, and the piece he choreographed, with great success, last year. Stoles is quiet in presentation, yet stunningly inventive and original. He deserves to be selected as one of the 20 finalists and to win one of the top

The finalists will be announced and then summoned to France in June before a grand jury. It is revealing to note in the brochure just how the arts are considered by the local politicians of Seine Saint-Denis, the region hosting the competition. For them. the arts are a tool not only to enrich lives, but "to boost the construction of a more just society". One cannot imagine this attitude being expressed so directly in present-day London.

NADINE MEISNER

Northern blight

THEATRE

You Never Know Who's Out There Drill Hall

AFTER writing award winning plays for casts of two, or at most three, with domestic discontent the general theme. Debbie Isin takes her new play outside the home into the viciously competitive world of a Northern dub.

Again the struggle is for survival and clusive self-esteem, but here their achievement depends on the applause of the unseen public - who are sometimes, and uneasily, identified with the Drill Hall audience, an altogether more polite bunch than the tough customers up north.

Unease is in the work from the start when James Gaddas, playing a meanfaced comedian, takes the mike and flicks a succession of mean jokes at us from the side of his mouth. Because these jokes are not funny, we do not laugh, yet the club manager, Sonny, halls him as "Bobby Vincent, King of Comedy!" and we must somehow accept that he is a local star.

What are we to make of the fact that

the jokes told by his wife Faye (Beverley Klein) are consistently funnier? Is this Isitt making some point about wives, or women? Faye is continually slagged off by her husband, in the corrosive off-stage scenes that seem to continue the marital rage of previous Isitt plays; and the ingratiating Sonny (Mark Kilmurry playing him as a real creep) evidently wants Vincent to be his star. But the reason for this is never revealed.

Even more bewildering is Sonny's attempt to sow friction between Vincent and Charlie (Peter Geeves), a heavyweight drag artiste who at least displays an eyecatching style. Sonny's antipathy may be due to Charlie's habit of hauling him reluctantly into

But if he hates the act why not just sack the artiste? Such inconsistencies weaken the play. Nor does the "single colour design", in this case dark blue, serve Isitt's purpose sensibly.

In the brief moment when Charlie

advances heavily in pursuit of Sonny, and Kilmurry distorts his body in slow-motion panic, Isitt's direction uses the expressionist technique that made her past work so visually exciting.

Vincent's come-uppance is satisfy-ing, telling increasingly desperate homophobic jokes that all die on him. but in the successful career that surely lies ahead of her, Isitt's first essay into the two-act form will be seen as an interim work

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A PART of criticism is imagining oneself into the musician one hears, imagining, as if from within, answers to questions about how and why things were done so. But in thinking about Marc-Andre Hamelin's performance of the Alkan Concerto for solo piano, that seems not to be working. There is a gulf. Someone who operates at this level of virtuosity for almost an hour, who can clinch one spectacular effect after another, and who has the whole thing pour out from memory, is simply way beyond mental reach. One can only be assonished, and try to describe.

Speed and energy were of course the overpowering impressions. Alkan belonged to the great steam age of virtuoso writing (one of his earlier studies. 13 years before the 1857 Concerto, was called "Le chemin de fer"), and Hamelin's great success was to make the music exude as much force and stamina as it requires to play, to create archings of rapid figuration, or romps of the two hands chasing one another (a special mo-

ment near the end of the tars:

movement), with a supreme tensile strength. Yet there is also in Alkan's music the strong sense of a machine that has

outgrown its function, but with such deliberation that grotesque exces becomes a function in itself. If this is virtuosity gone mad, the madness is the point. And here too Hamelin was right on the ball, making the huge sways and swerves and exaggerations of the music his own, rushing into eccentric excursions without his purposefulness being fazed, piling through each movement as a single sweep. He made the piece seem not marginal, an embarrassment, but almost the ultimate 19th century piano concerto (never mind the orchestra: they are not necessary). with the ultimate colossal opening allegro, the ultimate funeral-march slow movement (with a marvellous final twist, like wire-thin glass), the ultimate gypsy rondo. Absurd it may be, but a performance with this degree of confidence and emphasis

makes the absurd sure. If you can play Alkan, then Schumann's Camaval is easy meat, and there were maybe some signs, in dazzlingly fast tempos. of Hamelin free-wheeling through his warm-up piece. But there were also brilliantly beautiful sounds and, especially, a feeling for the flexible, finely poised line, for the simple song that Alkan never rests to demand.

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Promising a new age of reason

Mark Fisher, the Labour Party spokesman on the arts, outlines to Richard Morrison a "reasonable"

plan, should Labour take power.

ifficult man to pick an Fisher. He nods soothingly when you make your noisiest points, then smothers them with a seamless blanket of abstract nouns. Coherence, access, infrastructure, equality, strategy, underfunding, implementation: the whole arts-speak thesaurus, delivered in an immaculate flow.

No surprises there. Fisher, aged 47. has spent his five years as abour's arts spokesman cultivating bureaucrats and lobbyists with tremendous zest. He has built up a series of lectures in which arts mandarins flay present inadequacies and extol rosy tomorrows. And in the unlikely event that the general election is decided by whether the arts minister or his shadow has a better grasp of facts and figures. Fisher will not be found wanting.

He is also so obviously a reason able man. Perhaps seeing both sides of every question is an irrepressible instinct for an Etoneducated Labour MP who is the son of a Tory MP. Yes, he is "quite happy to pay tribute to the government; over the last three years the Arts Council grant has done better than the rate of inflation". Yes, Lord Palumbo's work as Arts Council chairman is "admirable". Though it's no secret that Mr Palumbo is a Conservative, he went out on a limb and welcomed our policy document when it was announced."

And yes, a Labour government will go on supporting the Tories' most famous arts initiative: the Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme. No. Labour isn't worried. about the arts relying on business sponsorship. "Corporate sponsors are now doing many more imagi-native and high-risk things than they were five years ago." Yes, a national lottery would be a great way of raising money for restoring fabric of our cultural institutions.

The flow of sweet moderation goes on. True, Labour will be introducing a statutory requirement for every local authority to spend money on the arts. But even here "we are not proposing a prescriptive policy of a typical



Awaiting office? Mark Fisher MP, Labour Party spokesman on the arts, in front of Willem de Kooning's Untitled VIII, at the Tate Gallery

amount or a typical range of responsibilities". True, Labour is slightly regretful that although the Royal Opera House soaks up £18 million of subsidy, only the well-off can afford decent seats. "Rather urgently in the 1990s," says Fisher, in a brisk voice, "we owe it to opera as a whole, and the Royal Opera House itself, to sit down and have a fresh look at what fulfilling a grand-opera role means."

Stop the flow, I want to get on. Precisely what does this last, vague intention mean? Radically alter the status quo? Tear down the walls of elitism? Bring down seat prices dramatically? It seems not. "There is evidence that they cannot sell all their seats at present. So any strategies that might have seemed feasible two years ago, like putting ten per cent on top prices and taking the price down on cheaper seats, is not going to be possible."

Well, then, how about increasing subsidy to the level of continental "grand opera" houses? Again, Fisher parries. "It isn't realistic at this stage to see, in the early 1990s,

any substantial progress in getting the ROH back to the percentage of subsidy that it was ten years ago."

So will Labour approach the problem of paying for our opera houses any differently from the Conservatives? Fisher would like to "explore ways of getting more output broadcast; that would get opera to a wider audience". But doesn't the tangled web of union house-agreements make the broadcasting of opera a logistical and financial nightmare? "There are undoubtedly heads to be knocked together," agrees Fisher, mustering a business-like look.

Labour has a difficulty. It savages the Tories for 12 years of "underfunding" the arts, for "forcing" the RSC temporarily to close its Barbican base, and so on. Neil Kinnock has promised — on Radio 1, no less — more money for the arts. The implication is that the arts will now be "properly funded", dy will be found that keeps everybody happy. Yet Fisher is far too circumspect a politician to dwell on

specifics. His view is that "how much more [subsidy] and how sustained that growth will be will depend on the state of the economy and the rate of growth". In other words, the arts will get what the country can afford, not what they say they need. No new thinking

f Labour has one Big Idea for British culture, it is its proposed new Ministry of Arts and Media. Its advantage over the present Office of Arts and Libraries, according to Fisher, will be "coherence" - by which he means that it will have responsibility for everything from arts and crafts to the record business, heritage, broadcasting, libraries and museums, publishing and the Brit-ish film industry (which, one is not surprised to learn, Labour confidently expects to raise from the dead). Whether bringing all this stroppy bunch together under one roof guarantees coherence is

Fisher happily admits that

Labour's arts ministry will be modelled on Jack Lang's grandiose establishment in Paris - which he appears to revere. Hasn't Lang's ministry poured money into some absurdly unsupervised black holes, such as the Bastille Opera in its early days? "If one or two of the schemes have run into problems, that's almost inevitable when you have a huge expansion in policy.

He points out that his new arts ministry will be small and not necessarily high-spending; rather, it will gain political clout by tying together the commercial and subsidised ends, and thus demonstrating that "the arts, far from being in need of government handouts, are actually enormously profitable." Fisher's optimistic scenario is that "the new arts minister will go to the Treasury with a much more positive case for subsidising, because the ministry as a whole will be a net contributor to the Treasury."

Why would, for example, a successful record company welcome an arts ministry interfering in its activities? "Well, the music industry at the moment does, in fact, come under the Department of Trade and Industry. But in the DTI they are dwarfed by the problems of the heavy industrial sector. It makes much more sense that they are in a ministry that has a direct responsibility for nurturing the talent on which they depend.

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An all-encompassing arts minis-try, a policy of devolving powers to regional bodies: all this might seem to leave the Arts Council with no role worth playing. "It will be quite clear under a Labour government," says Fisher, "that it will be the arts ministry which will set the national cultural strategy. The Arts Council will have a very important role implementing that. But in recent years, they have been trying to fill the vacuum in policy left by this government. There won't be that vacuum with a Labour government." He smiles, very reasonably.

ARTS BRIEF

Out with a gala

GLYNDEBOURNE is going out in a blaze of glory. This summer's opera festival was due to finish early, on July 23, after which the theatre will be demolished to make way for the new building. Now a grand gala has been an-nounced for the following day, July 24. Pavarotti, Caballè, Raimondi, von Stade and Söderström are among the stars who will entertain an audience (including the Prince of Wales) that will be paying £1,000 or £750 a ticket. Bernard Haitink and Andrew Davis will conduct.

Dressing up

THE actress Dame Gwen Ffrangeon Davies, who died last week at the age of 101, will be commemorated at the Theatre Museum in Covent Garden. On February 14 the actor Nigel Hawthorne will Dame Laura Knight of Dame Gwen dressing for the role of Juliet, in a dressing room at the Birmingham Rep in 1922. Two years later, she played Juliet opposite Gielgud's Romeo in London. The picture was purchased for the Theatre Museum by friends of the actress.

Dublin amen

TWO hundred and fifty years to the day after Handel's Messiah had its first performance, in Dublin on April 13, 1742, Sir Neville Marriner and the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields will be in Dublin to give an anniversary performance. Channel 4 will broadcast the event live in

Last chance...

ONE of the most impressive of all the exhibitions connected with last year's Japan Festival, the Royal Academy's Hokusai fills the elegant spaces of the Sackler Gallery upstairs with 150 printed works, plus a few original drawings, dating from all periods of the master's long and busy career. The best known are the series of views of Mount Fuji which he embarked on when approaching 70, but there are rare delights throughout. Until Sunday (071-439 4996):

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Geoff Brown on new films, including Bette Midler's For the Boys

TELEVISION REVIEW

Open-and-shut too easily

A s in some other recent exposes of police behaviour, the impression was that a few officers might well have massaged the evidence in last night's fly-on-the-wall docu-mentary. The Murder Squad (Thames/ITV). It brought us such a neat, open-and-shut murder case, so efficiently handled by the boys in blue, that the whole thing could have passed as a handsome police recruitment video.

This was the first of a seven-part series being trumpeted as a rare and un-varnished peek at the workings of Scotland Yard's murder squad. No punches had been pulled. The cameras had been given unprecedented access. There is no reason to doubt

this, or the fact that the police who investigated the murder of 69-year-old Douglas Piper in north London two years ago - last night's subject - did an efficient job of nabbing the murderer. hearing his confession and then getting him sent down for life. Heaven knows, we've all got enough odd jobs to do and errands to run every day without spending our spare

time trapping criminals. The Murder Squad made us grateful that people such as Detective Superintendent Russ Allen and his team were out there catching murderers for us. We hoped all police were as diligent and decent as those we saw put on parade last night. They even turned up to Piper's funeral.

We certainly learned something about how grim life can be for some people in north London. But as for mystery, or tension, or what police do when they are convinced they have their man but don't have the evidence to nail him, our fly seemed to be on the wrong wall.

The young murderer, Ste-phen Chandler, and his older girlfriend, Pamela Colletta, confessed their deed matterof-factly to Pam's daughter, Sandra. Steve, Pam and Piper lodged together in a council estate in Stoke New-ington. Piper died after a fight with Steve over Pam. A shocked Sandra — she called her mother an "old slag" who would "go with anyone for a few bob" — tipped off the police. The cops arrested Steve and Pam as they went to collect his social security money. The guilty couple confessed all, with no coercion beyond "Did you do it?" Had Steve said "It's a fair cop" we wouldn't have been surprised.

There were no psychopaths hatching butterflies, no Sweeney-style car chases. It made Edgar Lustgarten look racier than Dirty Harry. It was all very reassuring as a show of criminal-catching. but only so-so as "hey-followme" television.

More riveting would be to see Scotland Yard grappling with some baffling murder they have still not been able to unravel. Maybe the rest of the series will do just that. As television viewers we hope so. As law-abiding citizens, of course, we will happily settle for humdrum.

JOE JOSEPH

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LONDON GALLERIES

Eyes tricked by an airbrush

o say that more art should be commissioned for new buildings is a fashionable proposition. Ben Johnson buts it another way. "As an artist I want to be involved in the whole design process of a building from the start."

His credentials for saying this are that he has been painting new architecture, and almost nothing but architecture, for 20 years. His are the classic images of buildings by Norman Foster, Richard Rogers and Arup

His style is instantly recognisable, a surrealist form of heightened reality. In reproduction his paintings can look at a glance like photographs, until you realise no building could be quite so symmetrical, so luminous, so His latest exhibition, at

Fischer Fine Art until March

5, presents a mixture of paintings for sale, recent commissions and ideas for new three-dimensional art work in new buildings. "I'm fighting to get out of my studio," he says. One of the first of these three-dimensional commissions came from the architect

Peter Foggo, when he was working at Arup Associates on One Broadgate. "He invited me secretly to prepare a scheme for the entrance hall. It was the first time I'd been asked to do a piece of sculpture," Johnson explains. He conceived a giant mo-

bile which he calls a Tensegrity sphere "It's tension and compression working against each other. Imagine if someone gave you 24 sticks and a reel of cotton and said make them into a sphere without the sticks touching. It sounds impossible but it can be done."

As yet the sphere exists only in model form, but it demonstrates the second aspect of his latest work, a palette of fresh bright colours. In his early work the colour combinations were often deliberately disconcerting, but now he is mixing and matching with Ben Johnson, whose heightened-realist paintings are today's classic images of architecture, talks to Marcus Binney



"Black and white floors stronger than in any De Hooch": Margaux, a 1989 acrylic by Ben Johnson

the aplomb of a fashion away at something you find designer. One huge abstract canvas, looking like an aerial view of deckchairs on Brighton beach, has enough dashing sets of stripes for a wardrobe of several hundred

T e says that the new play on colour and shapes is influenced by Matisse's paper cuts and also American quilts. One canvas is a brilliant trompe l'oeil of giant tiddly-winks. looking as if they are frozen in transparent plastic.

Would he take on a com-

mission to colour a whole

building? "I don't like skins. I

like the idea that if you chip

the same thing or even better below. I want to bring people into contact with real materials." The work of Carlo Scarpa

and Frank Lloyd Wright is a revelation in this way, he says. But with modernism you can still feel hungry when you leave a building. Only part of your appetite has been satisfied. My passion now is to work with patinated materials." He has an idea for a work

that would change or light up according to the pressure and pattern of work on the main computer in a company headquarters. "Imagine a hospital or tax office. As they went

ent parts of the sculpture would light up. It might just be beams of light. I need to explore."

Ben Johnson's paintings and models are so slick that it is difficult to gauge how much work goes into them. He usually takes four or five days just photographing a building. Recently he has taken to using an old-fashioned plate camera with a rising front, which can alter the relation of floors, ceilings and walls in fascinating ways. Then I spend two to three weeks working on the drawing, the structure of the painting," he explains, sometimes with the help of a computer."

A fier an exceptionally good lunch in Bordeaux he accepted a commission to paint a new wine vault in the form of a romnda, by Ricardo Bofill, only to discover that painting thousands of barrels arranged in a circle in correct perspective involved drawing 26,000 different elipses "Thankfully," he says, "I found a computer company willing to do it as an exercise.

Then comes colour mixing, which may take four to six weeks. "I may mix up 99 colours." These are chosen from hundreds of handpainted samples he has. The colours are put in little plastic canisters (like those in which 35mm film is packaged), ready for the airbrush. The final painting is built up in 20-30 layers.

His latest paintings include not only new buildings but historic interiors, with black and white floors stronger than in any De Hooch. His exhibiton is a must for any one who enjoys paintings that play tricks with the eyes; if you're quick you might even be able to steal one of his ideas for a mobile.

 Ben Johnson: Paintings and Diverse Projects, at Fischer Fine Art. 30 King Street, London WI (071-839 3942), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 10am-1pm, until

ROCK RECORDS

Ali blown down

most popular singer in the United States today. His third album, Ropin' the Wind has topped the rock chart for ten weeks, and his other two albums are in the Top 30. So why is he never played on American Top 40 radio and has hardly been heard of in Britain? Brooks is a country singer and, despite various marketing campaigns and the emergence of young, New Country per-formers such as Dwight Yoakam, country remains the great neglected popular music genre.

GARTH BROOKS is the

Yet the division between country and mainstream rock has never been less clear. Rock acts such as The Grateful Dead have been borrowing country melodies and using fiddles, accordions and pedal steel guitars for years; singers such as Yoakam have adapted a hefty backbeat and a rock 'n' roll attitude to traditional country.

Ropin' the Wind is a delightful conflation of hard country and soft rock. Brooks has crystallised the convergence of styles and discovered a vast audience for whom the barrier between country and pop has ceased to exist. He has an authentic coun-

try voice and lyrics about truckers stranded on a snow

Garth Brooks: Ropin' the Wind (Capitol CDESTU 2162) bound highway have a timeless ring. But his maverick streak is shown in "Shameless", a ballad by Billy Joel, which has a soaring, rock guitar solo. "Burning Bridges" is full of homespun

wisdom, sung with a catch in

the voice, but would fit on a Fleetwood Mac album. The scale of Ropin' the Wind's mass appeal in Amer-ica took the British record company by surprise, and rather than losing it in the pre-Christmas rush they have delayed its release and added four tracks — "Alabama Clay", "Everytime That It Rains", "Nobody Gets Off in This Town" and "Cowboy Bill" from his first album.

While maintaining country's musical foundations. Brooks has updated its style and presentation. As a live performer he is in the rock star mould — throwing water over his band or climbing a rope ladder up into the light-ing gantries. He has a vast teenage following. Last year he outsold Prince, Hammer and Michael Jackson. Country music will never be the

DAVID SINCLAIR



& BRIEFLY

Mothers of invention

Britain is famous as the mother of inventions - although other countries often provide the money and production techniques to get British inventions off the ground, and although inventors, it seems, are seldom female. Now Toshiba, as part of its fifth annual Year of Invention award scheme, is inviting would-be British inventors to submit ideas for its 1993 Award.

Last year's finalists came up with an accurate portable weighing scale for midwives, a device to help speechimpaired people to communicate, and a cycle light said to be virtually theft and tamper-

The winner - who will receive £15,000 in cash - will be announced at a luncheon at The Savoy on Monday. The competition is administered by the CBI, and the deadline for entries for the 1993 competition is May 8, 1992. Information packs and application forms are available from: Toshiba Year of Invention, c/o SR Communications Plc., Freepost, Blackhorse Road, London SE8 5BP, or by telephoning the special Hotline, 081 691

Street trade

To celebrate 1992, Euro-Monopoloy is here. The "Monopoly Edition Européenne" features famous streets from many EC countries — Oxford Street Piccadilly and Park Lane from Britain. In addition to the Via Veneto, the Avenue Foch and Las Rambias. Airports are Lisbon, Luxem-bourg, Dublin and Athens, and pieces to move are famous buildings from each country such as the Tower of London, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Parthenon. The monetary unit, naturally. is the Ecu.

Lost children

Half a million women in the United Kingdom have "lost" United Kingdom have "lost" a child by adoption, according to the authors of a new book. "Half A Million Women" (Penguin, £5.99), written by three social workers, combines interviews with women who have given up their children for adop-tion with analysis of the options available to them.

VICTORIA MCKEE

New baby at BP

pany like BP Exploration (BPX). presumably awash with muscular engineers in hard hats. take pride in being welcoming to the mothers - and among their

Not only will the company's new workplace nursery be officially opened tomorrow, but on an average day the childcare co-ordinator - yes. they employ such a person will find a chap on the end of her phone asking: "Help,

where can I find a nanny?" Big business is not exactly known for its altruism, so there are sound financial payoffs in such a policy. But these are not always obvious, particularly in the middle of a recession when most employers instincts are to go quiet on "perks" such as childcare. It often requires someone with the necessary commitment and tenacity to point out the advantages — and then get the project up and running. In this case that someone is

Helen Plumb, the BPX per-sonnel officer. The nursery, she says, is her baby. "It gives me a huge amount of pleasure to go down there and sit among the children and think, 'I started this,'"

This was not easy. In 1990 BPX, a subsidiary of BP UK. relocated 700 staff from central London to Stockley Park business park, north of Heathrow airport, and set up a staff group to suggest ways of making the move easier for employees. One of their recommendations was better childcare support. This being in pre-recession days when demographic timebomb was the buzz phrase, Mrs. Plumb was detailed to survey parents' needs and explore the options.

Only 20 per cent of the BPX workforce is female. Of those, seven out of ten are support staff, in clerical and service jobs. The other 30 per cent are high-flying technology graduates, computer scientists and engineers - and these brilliant young women are coming to represent a higher proportion of recruits.

Because of the difficulties women overcame in completing such courses, we find many of those applying to us Anne Woodham

meets the woman behind the birth of a

corporate nursery

are often more able and determined than men," Mrs Plumb says.

BPX was delighted to take such talented women on board, but dismayed to dis-cover, that their departure rate was twice that of male graduates. The reasons they offered for leaving were ostensibly the same as the men's: career development. But their new jobs proved to be ones in which they could also raise a family. Some went to com-

'Our women were behaving . differently to those of the same age in other organisations'

panies with more supportive childcare policies. Mrs Plumb says: others moved into careers such as teaching.

"When we looked at our staff we realised we had 120 women of child-bearing age who were unmarried or childless," she says. This, Mrs Plumb decided, was "not normal. Our women were behaving differently to those of the same age in other

To Mrs Plumb, who is 27. married and, as yet, childless, the conclusion was inescap-able. If BPX wanted to hang on to its brightest staff it would have to offer some form of childcare support.

The move out of London to a greenfield site like Stockley Park was thought to present the perfect opportunity. Mrs Plumb knew that if the experience of other BP subsidiaries such as Aberdeen were

anything to go by, she could confidently expect more babies, "Women choose not to have children when they work in London." she says.

After exhaustive staff sur-veys and investigations, she decided on two options: a workplace nursery that would encourage a small but vital number of women to return after maternity leave, and a childcare information service that could help any employee with children.

The next hurdle was to persuade senior management to accept the proposal. "I was warned before the meeting that it was very unlikely BPX management would support it. I'd expected the nursery to be costly, although the cost wasn't as much as I thought, but I'd have died in a ditch for the childcare information service. It was the lowest cost, and the most needed."

She had one are up her sleeve. Members of Women in BP, a company-wide net-Browne, the BPX chief executive, aware in no uncertain terms of their opinion of BP's treatment of women. In a written reply, he promised childcare help at Stockley

"I steamed into the meeting with his letter, which hadn't circulated very far at that point, and said, Before we start you should see this,'

Mrs Plumb says.

"And they said, 'Do it, don't worry about the money. just get it up and running by next spring.' I felt as if I was walking on air."

The nursery opened last July with four children aged under five (as opposed to its official launch tomorrow, along with a tranche of improved "family-friendly"

BPX subsidises 50 per cent of the cost, parents pay the other half — £65 a week. Eleven mothers and one father now use it and the full complement of 30 will be reached at the end of the year.

"I predicted that when our women started behaving normaily, ten to twelve children would be born annually". Mrs Plumb says, "and this is aiready proving to be the case. Eight mothers currently on maternity leave are plan-. ning to put their babies in the



Children of a work revolution: Helen Plumb with some of the under-fives at the BPX creche she helped establish

nursery. Mrs Plumb admits there are pockets of resistance, not surprising in a male-dominated organisation, and one that, like every company in the UK, has been affected by the recession. She says it is "the fear of the unknown,

rather than prejudice", and counters with working mother success stories in the insympathetic, she says, are those managers whose own wives work. "Attitudes are changing, but it will take a long time."
The Childcare Information

Service, originally designed to ease re-location and now a popular and permanent fixture, is proving a surprisingly effective catalyst for change. Run by Sally Mulr, of the Working Mothers' Associ-ation, it fields enquiries — 70

per cent of which come from men - about everything from where to find emergency care to how to employ an au pair.

"Already the experience of a number of men has softened other's attitudes," Mrs Plumb says. "I had no idea how many men had difficulties with childcare, because they never discussed the subject. Now they're more comfortable talking about these

'A senior manager told me of the crisis when his wife walked out and left him with two small children. He said he'd be happy to talk about his feelings with any other man in the same situation."

Men sharing emotions in the office? Perhaps one of the bastions of male corporate culture will be among the first to benefit from Mrs Plumb's

SIGNS OF THE TIMES WORKING MOTHERS How strongly do you agree or disagree that: "Women with young children should not go out to work, but stay at home, to look after them"? nd to agree

Offbeat time travel

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IF HG Wells were to take a Flexibreaks holiday the chances are he would decide on Los Angeles. A trip to LA is a form of modern time travel, offering a neon-lit glimpse of America in the 21 st century. Just as New York, Paris

and London stood as symbols of past centuries so Los Angeles, it is claimed, will be the city of 2000. It is already the entertainment capital of the world. And in California the old cliches are still flourishing: Disneyland, the human sun-bronzed sculptures on Venice's Muscle Beach, the open-top tram ride around Universal Studios, Hollywood's "Walk of Fame".

More fun, however, is the offbeat tourism, such as the famous Forest Lawn Memo-rial Park at Glendale, where the likes of Errol Flynn and Walt Disney are buried, with music piped out of trees and faked works of art.

Or you can relax for three hours in a 1969 Cadillac Hearse as the guests of Graveline Tours whose award-winning ghoulish \$30 tour - "a lively look at the death styles of the rich and famous" — is a must....

Many people do not realise that "Hollywood" is an actual town - the tourist centre of LA — with its own city limits. Los Angeles is divided up into city zones. If you want to be close to the movie studios and the heart of old Hollywood then stay at the luxurious Sheraton Universal, which has just had a \$22 million facelift and is one of the top Sheraton hotels in the world. Overlooking the Hollywood hills, the hotel is a favourite with many stars who stay there during shooting - most recently Michael Jackson for the filming of his music video Black or White.

Located near the famous Hollywood sign, the Sheraton Universal has a giant swimming pool, fitness centre and a free shuttle to the Universal Studios Tour. It is also a two minute walk from the gargantuan Odeon Cineplex that boasts 18 screens showing the latest films. Just down the road is the Greek theatre and the Hollywood Bowl, the LA equivalent of Glyndebourne, where you can sip champagne and listen to such entertainers as Paul Simon and Julio Iglesias on a warm

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summer night. LA enjoys sunshine throughout the year with mid-day temperatures averaging 83F from June to October, 65F from November to May. A sweater may be needed for cool evenings. If you want to be closer to

the famous shops of Rodeo Drive (à la Pretty Woman), and nearer the chic restaurants like Spago's, The Ivy and Toscana, then stay at the Beverly Hilton, just off Wilshire Boulevard in the centre of Beverly Hills. Each evening a line of stretch limos are usually parked outside for some award ceremony or other (such as the Golden Globe Awards), and the lobby is usually a whirl with visiting politicians or rock stars.

The hotel, also with a huge

pool and fitness centre is across the street from Robinsons department store — the Selfridges of LA. The Hilton also boasts one of the best and most fun restaurants in LA. Trader Vic's, offering some of the finest Hawaiian cuisine in the world. The hotel offers a free car service for shopping trips in Beverly Hills. Both hotels are first-class:

your choice depends on which part of town you want to stay in. If you want to drive up to the Californian vineyards, to San Francisco or see the new Reagan presidential library in Simi Valley, then the Sheraton is better located being close to the freeways. If you plan on keeping driving (you drive everywhere in LA) to a minimum, lounging for guildess hours by the pool, as if in a David Hockney painting, then stay at the Hilton.

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A minister for amour propre

Libby Purves meets Véronique Neiertz, champion of French women's rights and of a bill to make sexual harassment punishable by fine, or imprisonment

mong the English-speaking peoples, discussing the issues of sexual harassment at work is as unrewarding as wrestling a

During the Judge Clarence Thomas fiasco the matter became a blur of emotion and sexual politics. Feminist ideologies vied with bandwagoning males as to who could produce the more boring and nauseating generalisations: on the other side of the fence, rebellious men snig-gered, and irritable working women wondered why the very chaps who were so volubly anxious to protect them from burn-pinchers had clearly so little intention of putting them on the board either.

Then the BBC brought out a mass of guidelines and helplines under the charge of Margaret Salmon who, on being asked to define what sexual harassment was, said: "Why do we need to?"

There was only one place to run. France, equally famous for its addiction to gallantry and its fondness for highly educated politicians and logic. Paris: where Véronique Neiertz, the minister for women's rights and daily life, has been presiding over a remarkable strengthening of laws and sanctions on the matter.

She not only defines l'harceliement sexuel with perfect willingness but, during the spring session of the national assembly, will guide through laws treating it as a straightforward crime, with penalties of up to Fir100,000 (more than E10,000) or a year in prison, or both.

Already the climate is changing: following the December vote on the law Jean-Paul Droissart, a businessman in Lille, received a three-month suspended sentence and a Ffr10,000 fine under existing laws of attentat à la pudeur— "ambush upon the modesty", or sexual assault — after certain touchings and out-of-place gestures" had taken place upon a 21-

year-old employee. Mme Neiertz is a tiny, formidable figure in her fiftieth year, her gaze direct and critical through school-mistressish glasses. She moves with the sort of speed a woman builds up after combining 27 years of marriage and three tion technology and politics (this is her second ministry: she left con-sumer affairs last spring).

The security men in the building opposite have formed the habit of sitting in the window in order to dart out and catch up with her when she abruptly leaves her ministry. After our interview she decided she had no time for a

photo-session outside, but then suddenly appeared to take pity on us and agreed.

Much as she dislikes photographs, I was left with the impression that she rather enjoyed the chase. She rewarded us with a dazzling smile and her first lapse into English: "You see", she says, summing it all up, "I do not want Sex War!"

Her success in presenting the case for criminalising sexual har-assment is remarkable. Even after a survey confirmed that one employee in five - male and female had suffered from it, her department feared that there would be jeering at any attempt to legislate.
"It is difficult", she says, "to talk about sex sensibly in France. Ei-ther there are silly jokes or strict moralising. And it has been an enormous taboo: until now women have been afraid to talk of harassment, because their husbands will say: 'She asked for it, dressing like that'. It is a hidden burden.'

But the unions were well behind her, and the public response has been relatively sober and enthusiastic, with headlines crying Bas les pattes! ("Paws Off") and only a few affectionate cartoons, such as the one showing Mme Neiertz standing in front of a chart of the female body, with a tariff of fines on each part.

This is probably because of her steady refusal to take a radical feminist line. She found the Thomas case "unbelievable, ridiculous", and brushes away complaints about men who whistle in the street, or put up posters of naked women. She is only interested in "the great wrong" - which, in her view, is the abuse of hierarchical power. Women, she says, can sort out the rest in the traditional manner. "What is wrong", she says, "with un gifle slap round the face?"

One cannot imagine a minister getting away with that in Britain or America: there would be hisses of outrage at the idea of condoning violence and forcing women to defend themselves against patriarchal oppression. "Bah!" she says, "Frenchwomen know how to give un gifte. Why can't Americans? She is also disapproving of the British approach. You deal with all this through equal opportunides law. In France, w sexual harassment can be from a man to a man, perhaps, and just as bad. It is nothing to do with equal opportunities. It is closer to blackmail. So we make it a

straightforward crime, irrespective of sex." However, in her definition it is only a crime, to be taken up by the Inspection du Travail (roughly



"Sexual harassment is close to blackmail. So we make it a crime": Véronique Neiertz on a modern solution to an age-old problem

equivalent to our Health and Safety Inspectorate) or, in extremis, by the courts, if it involves abuse of power.

his is the key: power. In her definition, sexual harassment is "a word, gesture, attitude or behaviour by a superior with a view to compelling an employee to respond to a solicitation of a sexual nature". She does not deny that unpleasantness occurs between women must defend themselves against it: by complaining to the boss, if necessary.

If the superior does not help, he or she is abetting the harassment, and official or legal help can be sought. And it is forbidden, under the code du travail, to punish or dismiss anyone for making such a

The boss, in other words, is responsible for creating a decent working environment. The best guarantee of it, of course, is a good mixture of the sexes in authority at all levels," Mme Neiertz says.

She has a strong feeling for poor women, whose health and family problems she deals with constantly, and her only flash of temper in the interview occurs when I ask whether she still has much chance to talk to ordinary women.

"I am an ordinary woman," she says. "I nave worked in industry, I have my own problems with home and family, and I constantly meet with women in the road, at the market, around schools, in my constituency of St-Denis. I meet them and they tell me their experiences and the burdens they

"Most of our unemployed are

short contracts or part-time. It is they, as well as white-collar workers, who are vulnerable to this kind problem, which we must address." of blackmail. Be clear: it is blackmail to make sexual advances to someone who depends on you for

your work. Blackmail for money, blackmail for your job or promotion; it is all the same. That is why everyone in government perfectly understands why we must deal But never mind the wink in the corridor, the naked poster on the

l, the jokes. In cas mailing harassment the state has something to say, and does. Otherwise, the relations between men and women are merely part of

This is one of François Mitterrand's "bright young women" — like her senior, Martine Aubry, the employment minister. But Mme Neiertz regrets

the low proportion of women in French politics and some other professions. "That is part of our

Does she see herself, then, as a role model? She stares in brief horror at this British journalist talking such frightful American gobbledegook. "Role-model? Certainly not. I am not even a model for my own daughter. She sees life quite differently. I am of another generation. She is 23 and has her own ideas. That is the way things

"Mme Neiertz has great intelli-gence, great clarity," says her assistant as we clatter downstairs. trying to keep up with her. I am too breathless to answer. Madame turns a sudden dazzling, feline smile on the photographer, who is cautiously trying out his charm. "I like Englishmen," she says.

No, definitely no sex war here.

'We were hiding in a Legendary place'

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In hiding, as I was, the signs, the symbols, slogans, took on added meaning: I remembered a short story by Paul Bowles in which some Buddhists in (back then) Ceylon ask some Western gentlemen whom they encounter on a bus about the meaning of the stripes and colours of their ties. What did the stripes and colours signify? Why did some men wear ties while others not?

Who can believe the story? Who can remember? What's reasonable these days?: these were sample questions from the book I bought called Welsh for Learners. What's cooking in the oven? Who's perfect? What's in the soil? What's better than this? Who was collecting stones? Who had been crying? Which ones had failed? The cleaned the edges? Some sample sentences employing the conditional were: "We could have purposely deceived them." should have taken the bitter medicine." "The woman should have suffered it." "They should pay half at least." I liked especially the Welsh expression yn eich elfen, which means "in your element", elfan meaning "element" but sounding small, manlike and mischievous.

made a project of learning to translate. Welsh place names. I'd grown up in Pennsylvania never knowing that Bryn Mawr is Welsh for "big hill". I made a project of Welsh sounds. Bwl is easier to say when you know that it's the word for bull; when you know that bwcl is the word for buckle, bwm for boom, bwlb for bulb; bwrdd sgor, scoreboard; bwrdd sbring, a trampoline. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerchwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch is the longest placename on the map. What the name means is "Saint Mary's Church of the pool of the white hazel near the rushing whirtpool of Saint Tysylw's Church, near the red cave". What's a red cave? I wrote down in my notebook: what makes it red? I kept trying to make sense from nothing. What is the name of that bird? I kept thinking to myselfwhat if these are the limits of life. what if this is the all of what is?

Once a month the Brecon-

Radnor Express.had a page called "W.I. News". "W.I." I found out, stood for Women's Institute. Women's institute was the name of a club, a service club, and hundreds of them were scattered through Wales. Once a month on the "W.I." page, page eight, I could read the reports from the clubs in the country - from Three Cocks and Llanwryd and Aberhonddu and Bwich and Defynnog and Garth.

A pleasant half-hour was spent

looking at local and holiday slides taken by members which proved to be very interesting. Japan is densely populated but Mrs Scutt saw no litter and found the people polite and friendly. Mrs Ursula Pumphrey proposed a vote of thanks ... From Crickhowell: "The competition, a Valentine verse based on bread, was won by Mrs Freda Jones." From Bluith Wells: "The competition 'Most Artistically Folded Napkin' was won by Mrs Dilys Jones." From Penderyn: "The competition 'The Most Unusual Teapor was won by Mrs Cooke." From Llangasty: "Refreshments were served and there followed a 'social time', organised by Mrs Wendy Griffith, during which members had some fun demonstrating how ambidextrous they were." From Garth: "The competition was for the longest apple peel." From Defynnog: "The competition was for the most unusual

pebble." From Tretower: "Competition winners for the best covered coat-hanger were . . . " -There was an article one week called "From Sheep to Shells" about a woman in the Brecon hills who had decided that her smallholding could not provide her with a decent living raising sheep, so she had sold them and invested in a one-hundred-breeder-strong conurbation of land snails, African ones, said to be more tender and less rubbery than their North European cousins. It was by reading this article that I learned that the African land snail gestates in four months as compared to two years for the European species. and that Easiern European snails

have been contaminated anyway.

It was in the Brecon-Radnor

ever since Chernobyl.

button." From Glasbury: "The

competition was for an unusual

Express, too, that I read that "A farmer who staggered into a neighbour's house half-naked, covered in blue dye with his hands and testicles bound with rubber bands, has been cleared of the charges that he planted a hoax bomb and wasted police time ... Stephen Gilmore Williams said that he had crossed two fences with his hands tied behind his back and his testicles bound in a rubber band but Detective Inspector D.A. Davies of Ammanford had tried to do the same but had failed to do so." ONLY JESUS SAVES I saw one

day painted on a railroad bridge when we were driving somewhere on the run near Merthyr Tidfyl, and the plismon in my company remarked, "Not on our bloody pensions Jesus couldn't." WALES IS NOT FOR SALE I saw painted on some rocks in the Black Mountains. I learned that there had been an increase in the incidence of arson, that Welsh nationalists were setting fire to the summer homes owned by the English. And there was murder, too. And racial violence.

From the Express I learned about the findings of an inquest -JURY RETURN VERDICT THAT YOUTH WHO DIED IN RIVER PLUNGE WAS UNLAW-FULLY KILLED — into the death of a 20-year-old boy from Trenewydd, Llanfaes, who had fallen 20 feet from the Llanfaes Bridge in Brecon into the river Usk the previous December.

A Home Office pathologist had found that the deceased had died of brain damage resulting from a fractured skull. She, the doctor, had discovered no evidence of drowning. The report, which I read in my room in my place of hiding, said, "Passing Christ College the two defendants, who were quite merry by then, began singing a Max Boyce song about the English not being able to raise a rugby team to beat the Welsh. It was fairly rude, they added." Who's Max Boyce? I wrote down in my notebook.

It was the forty-seventh item on my list of things to find out, my list of things to find out, my list of things to learn and do. Number 46 was Try to get a copy to re-read Hal IV, Part I, re: OWEN GLEN-DOWER. Number 45, crossed



Cancelled: Salman Rushdie and Marianne Wiggins plan a trip to America they would never take out, had been Find out the diff

betw SCREE and SLAG. "As they were a quarter way across Llanfaes Bridge, still singing", the article continued, witness noticed two other youths on the opposite side of the bridge who were carrying paper-wrapped portions of fish and chips and eating from them. Because we thought we might have offended them', the defendants said, 'we shouted, Are you English?"." Then all of a sudden, they testified, the blond-haired person charged across the bridge and grabbed one of them by the collar and was abusive towards him, calling him "a wanker". Aware that the other person, the deceased, had come across the bridge as well, one of the defendants testified, "Something caught my eye and I saw him against the railings. He flipped

over backwards over the bridge. The whole incident happened within seconds." At the outset of his summing-up. the coroner told the jury what verdicts they could consider appropriate to return. The choices facing them, he said were a) unlawful killing, b) accidental death or death by misadventure, and c) an open verdict.

"Unlawful killing", the article went on to teach me, "means manslaughter or murder." What's an "open verdict"? I wrote down. I looked it up. An open verdict is a finding by a coroner's jury of death without stating the cause. Death by unstated causes: death by death, in other words. Marw is the word in Welsh that translates "dead". It sounds like mort, when spoken. Marwoldeb is the word that means "mortality"; marwol is the word for "lethal"; marwor is

the word for cinder, a dead fire. One night, watching news from elsewhere on the television, I saw the president of a bankrupt desert nation speak into a microphone while an English-accent male voice-over translated his, the president's, intent to send a black arrow of revenge from that distant desert into my husband's heart. We were hiding in a Legendary place, a place where Legends grew-fromground, Arthurian, Tolkienate.

o learn to write was an ancient Celtic fear, an accomplishment charged with retribution and with danger. Caesar, encountering the Celts, judged their belief to be that knowledge, rite, wisdom, rune -those who could write of those things held power, those who could write of the arcane, of rite and of worship, were people who deserved to be, who must be feared. Hiding one's name into symbol is still a recurring motif in Weish legends and stories. It's still dangerous to put one's name on paper. Mae'r dial drosodd speaks chaffinch, Marianne. the Legendary Welsh voice, rising from the bottom of the river: vengeance is over, the words

Warplanes fly sideways through the valleys. We wait for one aged psychopath to die. We try to study and to learn. Names of things. One Legend says that Welsh fairies are afraid of iron because the fairies are the lost survivors of a tribe of never-ageing children whose ancestors fell victim to a race of conquerors who conquered them with weapons made of iron. What is the name of that bird? What is ink made of? Could I write in blood? What are words made of?

One time, long ago, I wrote a book about adventures on a desert island. Isn't that a laugh? Crusoe used to go around his desert island and, as Orlando did, Crusoe used to carve his name in trees. Crusoe and Orlando were both fictions. They weren't men. Others made them up and wrote them down.

Tomorrow, in a book called The Oxford Companion to the Mind, I will read an essay titled "Chinese Evidence on the Evolution of Language" so I can learn about the use of pictograms. Tomorrow I will shout at planes and jets that come at us like arrows. Tomorrow I will find the picture with the diagram inside the book that tells me finally simply and beyond a doubt the way religion tells some people, This tiny thing of beauty in the tree outisde your window is a

• From Bet They'll Miss Us When We're Gone. a collection of stories and essays by Marianne Wiggins to be published by Secker & Warburg on March 9 (£13.99).

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MANWATCHING

Piece of the action

War is his claim to frame - if he could get to the front line

through the urban jun-gle. His face is hard, his body taut. He is a man who has seen life. And death. He is dressed for action in rugged boots and a sleeveless flak jacket. He shoots to kill.

Today he is shooting a nice picture of ducks on the icy Serpentine, but the photographer is still dressed for combat just in case the call comes through on his mobile: "Hit the war zone, Nick." Although Nick rarely ventures beyond the Surrey borders, except in his dreams, he is always ready for action. He sleeps with his

passport in his pyjama pocket, his overnight bag at the ready. His favourite phrases are "gritty", "black and white" and "when I was in Beirut". His favourite films are Salvador, featuring James Woods as a photgrapher-cum-superhero, and now Hors la Vie, featuring the

photographer as superhostage. His is a life for men, not boys, and certainly not women. When the paparazzi bay, and the wouldbe war photographers line up to shoot a royal, you can guarantee that not one of the carefully battered leather jackets contains

Entry into the select society of male photographers is not simple. The official dress-code must be observed, and the correct equipment lugged. Jeans must strain across the crotch, and the occupant must learn to strut wide-legged, for he is an urban cowboy,

and the camera is his gun. The make of camera does not particularly matter, so long as there are at least two, one slightly there are at least two, one signing chipped by a city riot. These must be coupled with the essential virility symbol, a vast selection of long, heavy lenses. Everywhere Nick goes he takes a camera bag packed with metal and plastic.

By the time he is in his early thirties, he walks lopsided even without the bag. If only he could forego cool for convenience, he could get one of those useful tartan shopping trolleys to trail Sadly, he is doomed to a life

where style outweighs practical ity. Nick has to drive an

He must learn to strut wide-legged, for he is an urban cowboy. and the camera is his gun'

unparkable Jeep to fulfil his secret fantasy that he is taking action pictures in the Paris-Cape Town rally. His tight jeans cut off the blood to his brain, if the quality of his conversation is anything to go by, and his photographs come out peculiarly bright because he wears sunglasses indoors.

Nick's accessories include a series of fashion models who, he thinks, would show him off to better advantage if they were not so tall. These are temporary girlfriends acquired at fashion shoots who leave him when the promised introduction to Helmut (Newton) fails to materialise. This continues to puzzles him, for he feels he combines the qualities every woman wants: the sensitivity of the artist and the machismo

of the mercenary.

Thus his life plods on until one day someone makes the terrible mistake of believing that he is indeed equipped for frontline photographic combat, and sends him to Kurdistan, the West Bank or Croatia. There he either grows up and begins to care more about the subject of his photographs than the size of his Jeep, or else he fails to wear a bullet-proof vest, takes too many risks and gets

Of course, there are many courageous war photographers who genuinely believe in what they are doing, and have a much tougher job than reporters, because they must be in the action to show it. Needless to say. they do not include the subspecies of Nick.

Fortunately, his employers realise he should not be allowed anywhere more dangerous the the top of his portable step-ladder as he snaps royalty. The only risk he should take is being kicked by irate judges, as he richly deserves.

KATE MUIR

TOMORROW

On the Books pages: Peter Riddell on Nixon's ruin and recovery; Hugh Thomas on Latin America: and Michael Wright on D.M. Thomas's Flying into Love Britons are in danger of losing new "quality" drama to endless repeats, Ted Childs predicts

Pruning the buds of May

heaper drama productions and more repeats may soon be filling the nation's television screens as a result of pressure on broadcasters to reduce expenditure.

Over the next ten years, analysts predict that there will be an increase in total television advertising revenue of 3 per cent. At present some 92 per cent of advertising revenue accrues to ITV, which includes the return from Channel 4. From 1993 onwards Channel 4 will sell its own air time as BSkyB presently does, Channel 5 is scheduled to do from 1994 and the new commercial cable and satellite services will do as and when they become operational.

The projection is that by 2002 Channel 3 will be garnering 60 per cent of the total available television advertising, Channel 4 15 per cent, with the remaining 25 per cent shared between BSkyB, Channel 5 and whatever other services have proved viable by that time. The perceived wisdom is that of that final 25 per cent, BSkyB will take the

Television broadcasters spend more on drama than they do on any other form of original program-ming. Given the figures I have just cited, it would clearly be too simplistic to deduce that, by the end of the upcoming decade. Channel 3 will be

spending 40 per cent less on drama than ITV is now doing.
However, the pressure to reduce expenditure has to intensify. Not only will the new Channel 3 contractors be competing increasingly for revenue, they will have to hand over much more to the Exchequer for the

privilege of participation.

Some Channel 3 franchises will pay a lower licence annually to the Treasury than others, but the larger companies will also have to contribute a significant tranche of cash as a proportion of their annual advertising revenue. In the case of Cariton and Central, as much as 11 per cent. How are these economics likely to affect drama production within the UK commercial television?

ONE of the more entertain ing passages in last week's article on Panorama on these pages was the appearance of the inevitable unnamed source. The particular pearl that was cast before us was the relevation that Panorama's prescient exposé of the Maxwell empire last September was not revela-tory. Well, at least the thought sat well with the other fictions that peppered

However, the facts about ferent story. Mark Thomp-son has just left the programme, having been promoted to head of fea-tures. Under his stewardship, Panorama has never had a better period. It has tackled important issues ranging from early diagnosis of how the current recession has hit the South to an analysis of the differing quality of treatment of cancer patients across the country. It has also taken on a wide

the largest source of original programming for the foresceable future. Even so, the pressure to lower production costs will be massive. In editorial terms this is likely to result in the commission of more low cost, long-running serials: drama with identifiably ethnic identity, contained and strongly character based.

what we affectionately call "soap". Formats like this often generate large audiences and can be made profitably in the UK market alone. Growth in this type of drama will, I fear, be at the expense of the middle ground of British TV drama - the well-crafted, seven to 13 part episodic series often made on film to high standards of performance and production value: Bergerac, London's Burning, All Creatures Great and Small, Sherlock Holmes, Soldier Soldier and The Darling Buds of May. Series like these cost between £500,000 and £700,000 an hour to make. These have to be funded on the basis that they are being "bought" solely for UK trans-

What about what might be re-garded as the top of the range within ITV: the single films made especially for television and the more obviously expensive series stuff such as Prime Suspect and Inspector Morse?

The good news is that a significant number of advertisers have products which they wish to sell to discerning, cash rich audiences. They will want drama which such audiences are prepared to watch. Of course, a posh audience can and does enjoy soap but, as analysis of audience socioeconomic demographics clearly in-dicates, up-market viewers like "good" drama. Well-made productions can transcend class preferences and be attractive to an audience comprising lots of affluent ABCIs as well as Ds and Es.

Doubtless, the management of Channel 4, once they are free-standing in revenue-raising terms, will seek to assure the advertising profession that they are the "Guardian-Telegraph" to Channel 3's

range of difficult and tough programming — from Ulster Defence Regiment collusion

with Protestant paramil-

itaries to a detailed examina-

tion of the relationship

between Terry Waite and

As a result, programmes

are beginning to get the recognition they deserve:

nominations for last year's

Emmy: for editions on

Saddam Hussein's weap-

onry, the Lockerbie disaster, and South Africa, which se-

cured the award. It also

picked up the Golden Nymph at Monte Carlo. The

Max Factor, the programme detailing Robert Maxwell's

difficulties — transmitted

when he was alive - was

picked by many critics as one of their programmes of the year. We have put it forward

Oliver North.



Then again: William Gaminara and Cathryn Harrison in Central Television's Soldier, Soldier

"Sun-Mirror" and seek to benefit would hope that Channel 3 will not be driven remorselessly downmarket in terms of the audience it seeks.

It is inevitable, too, that Channel 3's, and for that matter Channel 4's, hunger for more burns-on-seats-infront-of-tellies-per-buck will not be confined to seeking to pay less for physical units of drama programnning. Almost certainly, they will schedule more repeats of successful shows. Heretofore, the ITV system more of a "why leave off when we are

No holes in this flagship

The BBC's Panorama is under fire.

Samir Shah springs to its defence

And, yes, audiences were

low last autumn. The average for 1991 was 4.0 million; in

previous years it hovered around 4.5. In 1985, the year Michael Grade moved the programme to 9.30pm, the

audience did not jump to 9

million. The average for

1985 was 4.9 million, a year later it was 5.2 million, a.

year after that it was 4.4.

Ratings for current affairs need sophisticated analysis. They are a function of a number of factors: inher-

itance, opposition, the time

of day, the time of year, and

content. The fact that the

programme now goes all year round (including, therefore

to the Royal Television Society for the best domestic

But there is always a grain

or two of truth in any hatchet

job. These grains, however, do not add up to a

"crisis". The truth, then: yes,

there have been some staff

changes. And, yes, this has upset members of the team.

It attests to the loyalty of the team—rallying around their colleagues. But there is a

need to freshen teams by bringing in new blood and

moving people around. Such

moves, and the occasional

adverse reaction to them, are

commonplace in probably all organisations, and BBC cur-

rent affairs is no exception.

iournalism award.

did not afford too much scope for repeats. The contractors had too much new drama to unload per transmission schedule

However, the BBC has a long tradition of successfully repeating drama and situation comedy. The positive audience response to re-peats of series like Inspector Morse on ITV and Channel 4 augus for a much higher incidence of this kind

poor time for current affairs) will also lead to lower average ratings. The percentage drop this autumn for Panorama was 90 per cent.

Add to that strong scheduling competition — not in the form of hard journalism, but

popular drama — and the drop is understandable.

fall is not related to the

quality of last autumn's out-put which was important,

original and serious-minded

journalism. Readers should

reflect on the quite different

agenda of our competitors in the independent sector last autumn to see both the

future and what happens

when current affairs pro-

gramme-makers are more

concerned with audience size

than with significant journal-

ers. If an initial trial series of six or seven episodes is deemed successful in rating terms, there will be pressure for a sequel of up to 26 episodes to be commissioned quickly. Such a programming policy will bring about a revolution in the modus operandi of production.

An extract from a speech by Ted Childs, controller of drama at Central Independent Television and managing director of Central Films Ltd, given to the Royal Television Society last night

We, however, will continue to address questions that actually matter to our viewers, such as education, housing and the health reforms. And we continue to carry out tough, investigative report-ng — but as part of our brief, not as the be all and end-all of journalism. That rather machismo view of the object of journalistic enquiry

really needs to go the way of open-necked shirts and gold medallions. The new editorship will be hotly contested affair, although the best candidates will get the job. The job will be to build on the formidable reputation of the programme and continue to deliver important, original journalism on the big questions of the day. And if we continue to win awards as we have in recent years, so much the

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Farewell, last of the musketeers

has been ousted.

Paul Fox mourns the end of an era

That happened at Granada Television this week is not sad enough for tears but it underlines that there is a different beat to the heart of independent television in this country. Of the 15 ITV programme companies not one has a finer programme record than Granada. It is the company that has been in existence longer than any other; it is the company that produces more than its share of prize-win-ning drama and documentary programmes. It is the nome of Coronation Street, the longest running and the most popular soap opera on British television. Like others, it also makes its quota of dross: You've Been Framed is

a Granada programme. Granada has always been run by showmen or by pro-gramme makers. For the first two decades it was run by showmen: the Bernstein brothers Sydney and Cecil. Then the programme-makers took over. First came Denis Forman, who produced Jewel in the Crown and was responsible for Brideshead Revisited. Then came David Plowright, an early editor of World In Action and the

driving force behind many of Granada's successful programmes.

Now all four have gone. Cecil Bernstein is dead; Sydney — Lord Bernstein — has retired; so has Sir Denis Forman. David Plowright was the last of the musketeers and now he is an exile too. It is what his departure signifies that matters. For a start it makes a

mockery of the franchise sys-tem, already much derided. Just over three months ago. the ITC renewed Granada's contract for another ten years even though the company had been outbid in the auction for the north-west fran-. I ne chauen by Phil Redmond, had bid more than £35 million, compared to Granada's £9 million, but Television North West failed the quality hurdle and Granada's promises of quality, enshrined in the sig-nature of David Plowright as chairman, won the day. What price the quality hurdle now?

It would be foolish to exaggerate the importance of one man in any company. Granada learnt to manage even

David Plowright without Lord Bernstein. But having been with the Bernstein. stein brothers almost from day one. David Plowright learnt the Granada style and has given it its tone.

His successor. Andrew Quinn, will be a skilled and imaginative chief executive. He is also a shrewd diplomat. wise in the ways of the ITV jungle. It was his vision that took Granada into satellite broadcasting which may yet turn out to be one of their best

investments.

In the major ITV companies, the people who grew up making programmes are disappearing from the boardrooms. The people now in command are sharp and intelligent and they have learnt their trade elsewhere. Some of the new ones have no wish to be broadcasters. The old and the new do not share a sense of calling.
Last week David Plowright

was in the United States. He saw that advertising revenue over there is in decline, as are the major networks. There are few jewels among the programmes: the tacky and the rawdry are in the ascendancy. Two of the networks are appendages to major industrial companies. The feel for programming that gave American television its special flavour has gone. There are still some pro-grammes worth watching: many come from Granada.

But then Granada has always been a good business. When one of its oldest programmes, What The Papers Say was no longer wanted by ITV or Channel 4 David Plowright sold it to BBC2.



Plowright: viewers' champion

To improve the strike rate of Coronation Street from two a week to three a week withou any drop in quality or loss in popularity was an example of the efficiency that has

marked the Plowright years. Which makes his departure even more surprising. The fact remains that broadcasting has lost one of its founding fathers and viewers who enjoy good programmes have lost a champion.

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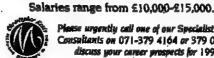
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Many leaseholders worry about the length of ownership of their homes. Rachel Kelly looks at reported government improvements

Yes, there is life after leasehold

received fresh impetus last month when the news was leaked that the government would give people in leasehold property the automatic right to extend their leases.

The news is the latest piece to emerge in the jigsaw of changes stemming from the government's plan to introduce commonhold, which will be enshrined in the Conservative party manifesto. Commonhold means individual leaseholders in a block of flats will be able to club together to buy the freehold of their property, at market value, if a clear majority of residents agrees.

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Every separate flat will then be owned "in perpetuity" and should no longer diminish in value as the

"Commonhold is happening," says Dudley Fishburn, the Conservative MP for Kensington, who has been campaigning for a change in the law. "It's unstoppable. It will soon be as common a form of tenure in London as, under different names, it is in New

Conservatives win the election, the proposals will be debated this December, and are likely to be-come law the following spring. The proposed bill is already in its second draft. Should Labour win, the law will change, although its progress will be slower.

Mr Fishburn says the environment department's civil servants and the Lord Chancellor's office

are also committed to change. Coming with commonhold are other changes. First is the right to extend a lease on a flat by buying a new 99-year lease at market value. This will apply to those who do not convert to a commonhold system

Second, those in more expensive leasehold houses, who had previ-ously been excluded from buying their freeholds, will now be included in these reforms.

At present, those with home with rateable values of more than £1,500 are excluded from the 1967 Leasehold Reform Act. passed by a Labour government. That, Mr Fishburn says, will now



Applanded by an actor: Mark Macauley welcomes the change, which will make his flat in Earl's Court, London, more saleable

change as part of the commonhold to buy their council homes, but package.
Such reforms should be seen

within the wider picture painted on the map of the government's housing policy.

The main principle is the extension of tenants' rights, most obviously expressed in the public sector by giving tenants the right

also in new schemes that allow tenants' associations to run whole blocks of public housing. The extension of choice in the private sector encompasses leasehold reform, coupled with the provisions of the 1988 Housing Act, which was intended to reverse the decline

Mr Fishburn says: "One should e commonhold is this context. By increasing the number of free-holders, it will increase in time the amount of private rented prop-

The context aside, how will the right to extend leases actually work and what should leaseholders do? For now, nothing, because the

legal mechanism of extending a

lease compulsorily does not yet exist. Even when it does, there will be exemptions, including the Crown, charitable trusts, such as housing associations, and any blocks with more than 10 per cent of commercial units.

When the law is in place, if a majority of flat dwellers in a house

agrees to buy, they will have to negotiate the price of the freehold with the landlord. Ron Armstrong, the head of the legal and practice department at the Council of Mortgage Lenders legal and practice department, says: "This could be based on individual negotiations to extend one's lease. or flat owners could negotiate collective extensions for each lease-

The price of extending the freehold must relate to its market value, but the government has yet to announce how this will work, The key point is that landlords cannot refuse. Mr Armstrong adds. "Leaseholders will have the right to extend their lease." he

ome people do not want to extend their leases, Mr Fishburn says, and as Robin Paterson, the managing director of a London estate agency. points out, many will not be able to afford to do so in the present climate. "With borrowers being stretched on their existing mortgages, I think it unlikely that

many will pay up," he says.

Mark Macauley, a 35-year-old
actor, has a 63-year lease on his
flat in Earl's Court, west London. He welcomes the change in the law because "it makes my flat more saleable".

However, he is not planning to buy his lease. "If I was staying on a lot longer in the flat, I might buy the lease," he explains. "I plan to stay in the flat for only the next two or three years, so there is no need.

The difference, though, is that

Dry rot? Call in the sniffer pigs

ord Emsworth would surely delight in re-ports from Sweden that pigs are being feted for their ability to smiff out dry tot. The porrise snout is rot. The porcine snout is proving to be a sophisticated rot-seeking device, adept at detecting Sepula lacrymans

spores from ten paces.
Christer Sjöström, a doctor
of technology at the National Swedish Institute for Building Research, says: "Research into using pigs to sniff out dry rot is occurring at research centres throughout Sweden. I am convinced that pigs will come to be used in this way. The tradition of oies seeking buried truffles

The Swedes may have found a job in housing for

the porker

Sniffing out dry rot would be a natural extension of such olfactory skills. Builders would no longer have to seek possible rot with a

John Fidler, the head or architectural conservation at English Heritage, says: There are other high-tech solutions, such as using



fibre optic probes to look into walls, but that is expensive. Dogs are sometimes used; their sense of smell tends to be about 30 per cent greater than that of humans, but pigs are even more sensitive. We are always in favour of any non-destructive diagnostic technique, and we might consider using pigs."

highly trained suidae are not yet to be found in Britain. Given the irrational British prejudice against pigs, there could be problems finding suitable keepers. Nor could the average pig climb a step-ladder, Mr Fidler says.

He believes, however, that sniffer pigs would have a role finding dry rot in Victorian terrace houses. "Such buildings, with suspended timber floors, which are not well waterproofed, get outbreaks of dry rot in the floors," he says. P.G. Wodehouse's pig-loving peer would doubtless

RACHEL KELLY



South Kensington style: offers above £800,000

Price with good cheer

THE Falcon pub in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, has not been priced for a quick sale or seen its price drop, but an asking price of £25,000 surely qualifies it as a best buy. The only problem is that you will have to run the pub and sell Courage products, (writes Rachel Kelly).

Upstairs, the pub has three bedrooms, a sitting room, kitchen and bathroom. At the back, there is a 20-space car park, adjacent to a lawned beer garden with eight traditional tables. The pub is on sale, with a 172year lease, through Christie

and Co. In London, W.A. Ellis is

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selling a first-floor flat in Walpole Street, Chelsea, with its own underground car space. The asking price has been reduced from £260,000 to £200,000, although this property also has a short lease, this time of 35 years.

However, changes in the law (see above) mean that the lease could soon be extendable. The buyer will get a drawing room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, two bathrooms (one en suite) and a single bedroom.

At the stratospheric end of the market, a house in Pel-

ham Place, South Kensing-June at £985,000, fell once to E950.000, then to E915,000.

A spokesman for Winkworth, the agency selling the house, says: "The vendor is under no financial pressure to sell, but is fed up with waiting for a buyer to come along, and is willing to let the price drop,

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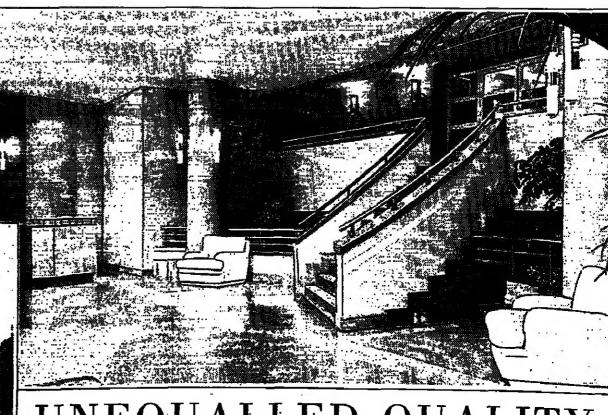
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Labour 'boost for office rents'

under Labour. The surprising conclusion is reached by the Richard Ellis international agency in its investment research review. However, the retail and industrial sectors are forecast to do better under the Conservatives.

The review considers UK performance during the next three years and makes predictions for the fate of the commercial proper-ty market depending on which party forms the next government.

The review shows that office rentals are likely to perform up to 2.8 per cent better a year under Labour, but overall Labour's economic policy is predicted to lead to weaker short-term performance followed by a more marked recovery in 1994 and 1995.

Richard Ellis research consultancy, explains that interest rates would be expected to rise after a

Labour victory.

He says: "There will be GDP (gross domestic product) growth, a reduction in unemployment and a possible devaluation of sterling. The implications for property are mixed, but only office property all UK rents, are competing

likely to grow faster under Labour. The surunder Labour. The sureconomic scenarios, which the London Business School developed from its interpretation of Labour's policies. These economic outlooks have been fed into Richard Ellis's rental forecasting models to assess the potential effect on

rental growth. Of the three sectors, retail rental growth is likely to suffer worst under Labour. Although higher public spending and increases in some benefits would raise consumer spending, this is more than offset by higher taxation and higher interest rates.

The prediction for the industrial sector is less clear because it is largely dependent on the manufacturing industry's performance. The combination of higher interest rates and worsening trade Ian Reid, the head of the conditions leads to weak rental growth. An alternative of in-UK competitiveness, through sterling devaluation and lower exchange rates, translates into a slightly better performance. Richard Ellis has also published

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owever, in overall occupation costs, including service charges and rates or property tax, the City remains markedly more expensive than other European centres. The total is £66:66, compared with £51.87 in Paris, £42.05 in Madrid and £41.44 in Frankfurt.

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total return on offices was down by 8.4 per cent, while the industrial sector showed growth of 6.9 per cent and retail 3.3 per cent.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has selected the IPD index as the indicator of investment property market move-

ments that will form the basis of an extension to the London Business School's macro-economic forecasting operation. The institution hopes this joint initiative will help to raise the profile of the property industry and measure its impact elsewhere in the economy.

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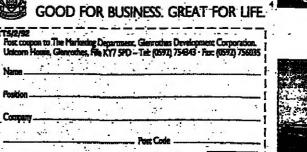
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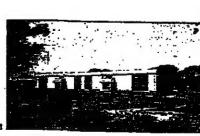
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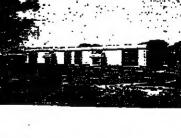






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Court of Appeal

Power to avoid breach of natural justice

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Sinclair Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment January 29] The Home Secretary's discretion under paragraph 8(2) of Schedule I to the Extradition Act 1989 was broad enough to give him ample scope to avoid a breach of natural justice when considering whether to order the extradition of a person from this country.

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Phillipe Andre Sinclair certional Secretary to sign an extradition order on June 5, 1991 as requested by the Government of the United States of America under paragraph 8(2) of Schedule I to the Extradition Act 1989. Mr Nicholas Padfield, QC and

Mr Conor Quigley for the applicant; Miss Clare Montgomery for the Home Secretary. LORD JUSTICE WATKINS.

giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant was born in Trinidad and had a certificate of right of abode in the UK. He had been living in London with his wife and two children since

He had been sentenced in April 1977 by a US judge in Delaware to four concurrect sentences each of four years for, inter alia, offences of conspiracy and mail He had been before the court in

unsuccessful habeas corpus proceedings: see (The Times February 23. 1990; [1990] 2 QB 112. DC) and (The Times April 16, 1991; [1991] AC 64, HU. Mr Padfield maintained the Home Secretary should have had

in mind before signing the extradition order, interalia, the follow-The applicant had been allowed by the Delaware judge to return to Trinidad to settle his wife and children there before commencing the four-year sentence, but when he mied to return to the US

to serve his sentence, the im-

nigration authorities refused him

an entry visa because he was a convicted felon. No steps were taken by the US authorities from 1978 to 1983 to secure his return from Trinidad, where he was living openly and carrying on a business at an address known to them. In 1978 they decided he would in effect serve his sentence in exile and in 1979-80 the US Inland Revenue Service visited him in Trinidad where he sented his US tax

in 1983, the applicant came egitimately to the UK where he lived openly and carried on business. Not until ten years after onviction and sentence did the US Governemn: first seek his extradition. No reasons for the

delay had ever been given. In essence the proposition ad-vanced on behalf of the applicant was that the Home Secretary's decision was Wednesbury un-reasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223).

His Lordship said that the breadth of the Home Secretary's discretion under paragraph 8(2) of Schedule i to the 1989 Act was found in the speeches of Lord Reid, Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest and Lord Guest in Atkinson v USA Government [1971] AC 197). It was, in his Lordship's view undoubtedly a broad discretion, certainly broad enough to give ample scope to the Home Secretary to avoid a breach of natural justice when considering whether or not to order extra-

dition of a person from this Miss Montgomery submitted that any prejudice caused by the US Government delay was slight. His Lordship profoundly

disagreed.

While he doubted if, strictly speaking, article 8 of the Conven-tion for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Free doms was applicable to the present circumstances, the principle underlying it was very much

While the US Government over many years showed complete indifference to the whereabouts and way of life of the applicant, he had devoted himself to creating a settled family life first in Trinidad and second in the UK. That delay, on any view of it, was inexcusable

and quite appalling.

Mr Padfield strongly criticised the Home Secretary for not having provided reasons for his decision to surrender the ap-plicant: see Padfield v MAFF (1968) AC 997. 1032, 1053. 1054 and 1061) and R v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Ex parte Lonrho plc (1989) 1 WLR 525, 539).

His Lordship was bound to say that if ever an explanation for the exercise of a discretion was called for and could properly be ex-pected to be given by the Home Secretary, the present case, with its unprecedented and most unusual features, manifested an obligation to explain. As it was, their Lordships did not have the slightest idea what in particular moved the Home Secretary to his

Sure it was, however, that the absence of reason did not leave him immmune from such a challenge as was made here. It should be borne in mind, however, that a failure to give reasons by itself did not entitle the

court to infer that the Home Secretary's decision was un-Mr Padfield submitted that the irresistible inference to be drawn from the primary facts was that it would be unjust and oppressive to surrender the applicant. The

said, properly have come to any other conclusion and his decision was plainly Wednesbury

His Lordship had come to the inevitable conclusion that it would be utterly unjust and oppressive to return the applicant n the United States to serve his sentence or there to engage in any form of proceedings in order to

avoid doing so.

His Lordship was driven to say that he failed to see how any Home Secretary acting reasonably could possibly use his discretion other than to refuse the request of the United States

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Probation not possible

for contempt Regina v Palmer Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice

[Reasons January 31] A court dealing with a person for criminal contempt of court, whether at first instance or on appeal, had no power to make a obation order

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reasons for allowing on January 27 an appeal against sentence by Jane Palmer who, on January 7, 1992 in Chichester Crown Court, was found by Judge A. Thorpe to be in contempt of court and committed to prison for three months. Their Londships uted an order of committal

Miss Jacqueline Ross, assigned

by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Martin Field as amicus curiae.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the argument that the court was not empowered to substitute a probation order for the sentence of imprisonment was based largely on Morris v Crown Office [[1970] 2 QB 114, 124-129).

Further, it was argued that there was a distinction between the phraseology of criminal stat-uses and those relating to contempt, for example "convict" was not to be found in relation to contempt. In R v Newbury Jus-tices, Er parte Pont (1983) 78 Cr App R 255) the Divisional Court held that persons committed by Court Act 1981 had not been "summarily convicted" within section 21 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973.

Their Lordships were persuaded by the argument and reluctantly concluded that a court dealing with a person for criminal contempt, whether at first in-stance or on appeal, had no power to make a probation order.

it might be that it would only be rarely that a court would wish to consider using such a power. Nevertheless, there might well be cases in which the ability to make such an order would be of great use. Their Lordships hoped, therefore, that on a suitable occasion Parliament might consider whether to grant such power expressly.

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Rover state aid decision annulled

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Murray Advocate General W. Van Gerven (Opinion December 10, 1991) **Judgment February 4**] Where the Commission examined

the compatibility of state aid with the common market, such an ination had to be made in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Treaty. The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held

in granting the application of British Aerospace plc for the partial annulment of a Commission decision requiring the UK to recover \$44.4 million of alleged state aid. On July 13, 1988 the Commission had adopted Decision No 89/58/EEC concerning aid provided by the UK Governme

the Rover Group, an undertaking producing motor vehicles (OJ 1989 1.25, p92). By that decision the Commission authorised aid consisting of a capital contribution intended to absorb certain debts of the Rover Group in connection with its acquis British Aerospace. The aid was authorized on inter alia the following conditions: That the UK Government

would not alter the proposed

further aid to Rover in the form of form of discretionary aid except for limited regional aid.

The Commission took the view that the additional concessions

which is decided that the addi-tional £44.4 million aid granted in the context of the sale of Rover to British Aerospace constituted

tial annulment of that decisi principle of proportionality and

to submit their comments. The first subparagraph of anicle 93(2) made the Commission responsible for the implementing, subject to review by the Court, a special procedure involving the astant review and monitoring of aid which member states intended to introduce.

Any finding that aid was in-ompatible with the common market might be made only on completion of that procedure, during which the Commission was required inter alia to give nonce to the parties concerned to

plied with certain conditions laid down by Decision 89/58, it should have instituted proceed-ings against the UK directly

of October 3, 1991 in Case C-261/89 Italy v Commission (not yet reported) the Court had held that, where in such circumstances the Commission examined the compatibility of state aid with the common market, it had to take into account all relevant matters. including in appropriate cases the circumstances already considered in any previous decision and any obligations which that previous decision might have imposed on the member state. However, such an examination had to be made i accordance with the procedures laid down by the Treaty.

Consequently, without there being any need to consider the other pleas, the Commission Decision of July 17, 1990 had to be

pean Court: I Annulled the Commission Deit required the UK to recover f44.4 million of alleged state aid 2 Ordered the Commission to pay

WINDONG MOVE

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By Raymond Keene.



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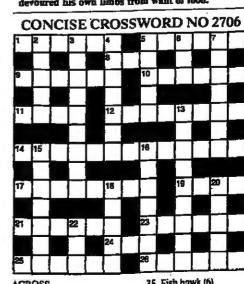
DIKEPHOBIA (b) Fear of justice, from the Greek dike justice + phobia terror: "Like many such stiff supporters of law and order, when he is caught in some offence himself, he shows extreme dikephobia."

QUADDLE (b) British dialect for to grumble, or a grumbler, origin obscure: "When picking a shepherd at Martinmas fair, Shun the quaddle as you would a

EANTOCCINI

(b) Puppets made to go through certain evolutions by means of concealed strings and wires, from the Italian diminutive of funtaccio a puppet, funto a boy; Dickens: "Are there no Punches, Fantoccini, dancing dogs, or even barrel-organs?

AUTOPHAGIA (b) Enting oneself, from the Greek autos self + phagein to eat. The first instance in mythology was Erisichthon, a Thessalian, who irritated Ceres by cutting down her groves. She punished him with insatiable hunger, so that at last he devoured his own limbs from want of food.



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24 Twice (3) SOLUTION TO NO 2705

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Following the publication in November 1989 of a report and a secret memorandum by the Comparoller and Auditor General of the UK National Audit Office. the Commission discovered that the UK Government had granted British Aerospace a number of linancial concessions which were not covered by Decision 89/58.

constituted aid for the purposes of article 92(1) of the EEC Treaty and that they were incompatible with the common market since they had been gramed in breach of article 1 of Decision 89/58. The Commission therefore adopted a further decision on July 17, 1990 (OJ 1991 C21, p2), in

illegal aid which had been paid in breach of Decision 89/58/EEC and that the UK authorities were required to recover it from the The applicants sought the parthe ground of a breach of articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the existence of an error in the calculation of the amount to be recovered. failure to respect the

The applicants contended first that, if the Commission considered that the concessions granted to British Aerospace and to Rover constituted state aid incompatible with the common market, it should have instituted the procedure laid down in article 93(2) of the Treaty and thereby given the parties concerned the opportunity

- If a state did not comply with a Commission decision finding proposed aid to be incompatible the common market or had not observed the conditions on which Commission had approved the aid, the Commission was entitled, under the second subparagraph of article 93(2), to refer the maner directly to the Court of Justice by way of deroga-

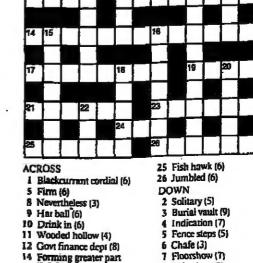
tion from the provisions of articles 169 and 170 of the Treaty.

It followed from the foregoing that, if the Commission considered that the UK had not combefore the Court by virtue of the

If the Commission considered that the UK had paid new aid that the drive had part have all which had not been examined under the procedure leading to the adoption of Decision 89/58, it was obliged to institute the special procedure provided for by the first subparagraph of article 93(2) and to give notice to the parties concerned to submit their com-It was true that in its judgment

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BBC 1

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6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (16910595) 9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on domestic violence (4472872) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Antony Worrall Thompson with bistro-style Italian food (5470650)

10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) (1927785) 10.25 Pingu (r) (6230650) 10.35 No Kidding. Family quiz game show (s) (5700921)

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Holiday (r) (7604495) 11,30 People Today presented by Miniam Stoppard and Adrian Mills who continue their guide to coping with stress (3380292) 12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chat presented by Judi Spiers (s) (3296056) 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather

1.30 Neighbours. (Caefax) (s) (60415969) 1.50 Going for Gold. With Henry Kelly (60419785)
2.15 Racing and Snooker. live coverage of the 2.30, 3.05 and the 3.35 races from Ascot (s); and the Benson and Hedges Masters

3.35 races from Ascot (s); and the Benson and Hedges Masters match between Steve James and James Wattana. (Snooker continues on BBC 2 at 4.00) (861969)
3.50 Children's BBC (396230) beginning with Bananaman (r) 4.00 Caterpillar Trail. Nature series (r) 4.10 Fiddley Foodle Bird. Animation (s) 4.25 Jackanory. David Healey with part two of Stanley and the Magic Lamp 4.35 Bucky O'Hars. Animation 5.00 Newsround 5.05 Archer's Goon. Episode five of the six-part children's drama starring Roger Lloyd Pack. (Ceefax) (s) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (155211). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (768). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan (s) (3719) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. Howard Stableford reports from Connemara

in the west of ireland on a new underwater camera and the latest in salmon tarming. (Ceefax) (s) (650)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses . . . More low-life comedy concerning the Trotter brothers. This week Del enters one of Rodney's paintings in a competition and it wins a holiday for three in Mallorca (r). (Ceefax) (266389) 8.50 Points of View (938872)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefex) Regional news and weather (3940)



The decline of an elder statesman: Winston Churchill (9.30pm)

9.30 Churchill: Never Despek. CHOICE: Martin Gilbert's biography reaches the final 20 years, starting at the close of the second world war and ending with the biggest public funeral of modern times. Although Gilbert remains the detached observer, letting the evidence speak for itself, he cannot disquise a melancholy story. Devastated by the verdict of the 1945 electorate Churchill had no relish for the role of leader of the opposition and was bored by its routine. Despite the misgivings of his wife, he returned to the premiership in 1951. He was old and thed and losing his grip. Two years later he had a peralysing stroke but still clung to office until he was past 80. As in the rest of the series, the best material does not always come from the big public events. It is often in personal vignettes, especially from former secretaries. One recalls the old man staring across the table at his favourite actress, Vivien Leigh, spellbound by her

beauty. (Ceefex) (61327)

10.30 Sportsright introduced by Desmond Lynam, Football: highlights from FA Cup fourth round replays; Olympic Winter Games: a preview of the competitions that begin on Saturday; Snooker: action from the Banson and Hadges Masters at the Wembley Conference Centre; and Cricket: a look forward to the third Test between New Zealand and England (40150), Wales: Sportsright Wales 12.30sm Weether: Ends at 12.35

2.00 The Way Ahead, John Murray with a summary of benefits for the diesthad (A) 5237612. Ends at 2.15

BBC 2

8.00 News (2769853)

8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses 9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) (74364582) 2.15 Bitten by the Bug. Professor Erik Holm continues his exploration of the insect world with a look at what they feed on (74351018) 2.30 Reviving Antiques. John FitzMaurice Mills with advice on repairing gold leaf (2028037) 2.35 Country File. Rural issues

examined by John Craven (r) (4251308) 3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live, introduced by Vivian White (7177766) 3.50 News, regional news and weather 4.00 Snooker continued from BBC1. Further coverage of the Benson

and Hedges Masters match between Stave James and James Wattana, from the Wembley Conference Centre (1572056) 4.40 Behind the Headlines, Linda Agran chairs a discussion on extramaritel affairs (s) (1382501)
5.10 Horizon: Malaria — Battle of the Merozoites. A repeat of

Monday's documentary examining the claims of Colombian chemist Manuel Patamoyo to have designed the world's first effective vaccine against malaha (r). (Ceetax) (s) (3853124) 8.00 Star Treic the Next Generation, Lieutenant Data cres

android using his own neural programming but Captain Picard is apprehensive about Starfleet's reaction to the unauthorised newcomer. Starring Patrick Stewart with Whoopi Goldberg.

6.45 DEF II begins with Reportage. Aminatta Forna and her team examine unemployment and looks at the prospects for the future (537143) 7.25 Rapido. Pop music magazine presented by the flamboyant Antoine de Caunes (935105) 7.55 The Day the World Changed. Raiph Steadman nominates the

first day of the 20th century as his climacteric 24 hours

Portrait of an aristocratic writer: Henry Green (8.05pm)

8.05 Bookmark: Trapped - the Story of Henry Green CHOICE: Not many literary documentaries open with a shot of a lavatory flushing but the image is relevant to the life of Henry Green, or rather his alter ego Henry Yorke. Green was the writer, author of ten books which became neglected in his lifetime but have since enjoyed a critical rediscovery. Yorke was the aristocrat who after Eton and Oxford entered the family engineering firm. It made, among other things, lavatories. Green/Yorke was a shadowy figure. Dashingly handsome as a young man, he was sad and reclusive in his later years. We learn that he liked drink, all-in wrestling and pretty women. During the last ten years of his life he hardly left his rooms. Roger Thompson's portrait tries to throw light into dark corners, visiting Green's houses and his favourite pub and eliciting memories from family and friends. There is, disappointingly, no assessment of Henry Green as novelist Film: Acceptable Risks (1986) staming Brian Dennehy, Christine Ebersole and Cicely Tyson. A made-for-television drams about

how a chemical company's desire to increase productivity turns a once-safe plant into a high-risk denger zone. Directed by Rick

10.30 Newsriight presented by Jeremy Paxman (685582) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (385969)

11.55 Weather (441105)
12.00 Open University: Reindeer in the Arctic 12.25em Seize the Fire

12.55 Behind the Headlines (r). Ends at 1.30

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6.00 TV-am (9778853) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz game for teams (1592495) 9.55 Thames

News (4531292) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (7415671) 10.40 This Morning. Magazine series on femily matters presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (3251679) 12.10 Affsorts. Children's entertainment (s) (2950921)

12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (6012679) 1.10 Thames News (53955582)

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (97861211) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (52272105) 2.20 Graham Kerr with the recipe for home-made radiatore posts in a

fresh Rome tomato, basil and oregano sauce (33514263) 2.50 Take the High Road. Scap set in the Highlands (4269327) 3.15 ITN News headlines (8125698) 3.20 Themes News headlines (8115211) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama sensi set in a large Australian city hospital (8521650) 3.55 The Dreamstone. Cartoon fantasy series (s) (6413124) 4.20

Finders Keepers. Children's game show (8063211) 4.50 Owl TV. Wildlife and environmental series presented by Michaela Strachan includes a report on the many species of birds that use the Lake Baringo area of Kenya (4624921) 5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers,

introduced by Bob Holness (5766211) 5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (319582) 5.55 Thames Help presented by Jackie Spreckley (r) (632211)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (582)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (834)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs an emotional surprise on another unsuspecting worthy (s) (5327)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (178)



Going Dutch for low-key detection: Barry Foster (8.00pm)

CHOICE: What with the return of the Amsterdam Commission and Maigret making a comeback on Sunday, the ITV channel is in danger of becoming overloaded with Continental detectives. Perhaps the people who draw up the schedules should talk to each other more. Van der Valk resumes in its typically low-key atyle, with attractive Dutch settings and more emphasis than is usual in such series on the hero's family. Poor old Piet not only has a wife who distikes his work but a son who has followed him into the force and is bent on causing embarrassment. Tonight's namative is unhumed, as if conscious of the need to fill a two-hour siot, but patience is finally rewarded with the unraveling of an intricate tale of drugs, diamonds and murder. A continued reservation is about Van der Valk himself. Despite Barry Foster's efforts, the Commisaris falls to out a charismatic figure. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville (Oracle)

Weather (38495) 10.30 Themse Menus (262230)

Midweek Soccer Special. Highlights of tonight's Flumbelows
Cup fifth round replay between Nottinghem Forest and Crystal
Palace (663679)

11.10 Films Visiting Hours (1982) starting Lee Grant, Michael Ironside, Linda Purl and William Shatner. Canadian-made thriller about a woman journalist who is victously attacked by an intruder, She is taken to hospital where she makes the unwelcome discovery that her ordeal at the hands of the brutal misogynist is far from over.

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1.10em Film: Portrait From Life (1948, b/w) starring Mei Zetterling, Guy Roifs and Robert Beatty. The melodramatic tele of the search for the woman subject of a painting in a London art gallery recognised by her father as the daughter he lost contact with during the second world war. Directed by Terence Fisher (909983)

2.45 America's Too Ten (s) (8382005) 2.45 America's Top Ten (s) (8362902)

3.10 Videofashion (16831032) 3.40 Guiz Night (38490322) 4.10 Along the Cotawold Way. Clive Gurnell visits Wotton-under

Edge (r) (49951186)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive film from February 1942 (16300525)

5.00 Witness to Survival. Another story of survival against the odds

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (75877). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily (9776495) 9.25 Schools (94980037)

12.00 The Parliament Programme introduced by Nicholas Owen (35308)
12.30 Business Daily. News and analysis from the world's money

markets (54921) 1.00 Sesame Street Entertaining early learning senes. The guests are

Robin Williams and Whoop Goldberg (59476) 2.00 Film: People Will Talk (1951, b/w) starting Cary Grant and Jeanne Crain. Sharp social comedy about a gynaecologist who falls for one of his patients - an unmarried woman student who is pregnant by another man. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz

4.00 The Survival Factor: The Bigamy Bird. A documentary about the male pied flycatcher, a bird that may have more than one mate it winters in Africa and returns to Wales each spring to breed (r) eletext) (747)

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game (s)

5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. The audience is men whose wives treat them more like sons than lovers (7070650)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy, Cartoon version (630853) 6.00 Kate and Allie, Susan Samt James and Jane Curtin star as divorcees who decide to share single parenthood and a

Greenwich Village home (124)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross (s) (476)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Telefext)

7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour party politician (986124) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a Merseyside close (9389)



Exploring the city of Bologna: Lady Valerie Solti (\$.30pm)

hdo 8.30 Travelog, Lady Valerie Solti and Mrs Adua Pavarotti explore the cultural wealth of the Itakan city of Bologna (1124) 9.00 Dispatches.

 CHOICE: A frightening report on Britain's schoolchildren suggests that they are setting themselves up for a high risk of heart disease in later life. The trouble is lack of exercise. According to a survey only 5 per cent of boys and 3 per cent of girls are doing the amount of exercise necessary to develop healthy hearts. The blame lies perity with schools, for cutting down on sport and physical education, a trend that could accelerate as head teachers. physical education, a trend that could accelerate as head teachers struggle to make room for the national curriculum it also hes with a sedentary lifestyle. Many children are now taken to school by car and spend much of their spare time watching television and playing computer games. Contributors to the film include no less than the Duke of Edinburgh. He says he is astonished that we are putting the future health of our children in jeopardy (906765).

9.45 She-Play: First Night, by Sarah Kennedy A humorous drama exploring a young couple's first night of passion. Staming Lesley Sharp and Nick Hancock (388389).

10.00 The Golden Girls. Delightful comedy about four women of a certain age sharing a home on the Miami coast. This week Dorothy (Bea Arthur) plots revenge on an old flame who stood her up once during her college days. (Teletext) (s) (36037) 10.30 The Secret Cabaret with Simon Drake. The illusionsit's guests

are Ricky Jay, Matthew Gryczan and Seugcaj, a fakir with strange powers (s) (45785) 11-00 Drop the Dead Donkey. A welcome repeat for the award-winning topical comedy series set in a television company's newsroom (§)

11.30 The 291 Club. Showbiz hopefuls face a critical audience at London's Hackney Empire (30263)

12.30am Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (5768896)
12.55 Dick Spanner. Cartoon adventure of the smooth private detective created by Gerry (Thunderbirds) Anderson (5066983) Ends at 1.05

ITV VARIATIONS

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SATELLITE SKY ONE

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6.00am Shorecase (449320)
10.00 None But the Brave (1995): Second world war drama (12939)
12.00 Dreson Chesers (1995): A boy and an old man bravet to Wyoning (47230)
2.00pm Fetal Judgment (1996): Tom Contidefends a nurse on a murder charge (51972)
4.00 A Green Journey (1990): A school-tescher meets her pan pal (14657953)
5.40 Entertainment Tonight (680582)
6.00 Driving Miss Datay (1999): Drama about the relationship between a southern woman and her black chauffeur (48306)
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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headines 7.00 Herning Concert: Mozart (Symphory No 13 in F, K 112); Havel (Menuel antique); Ravel (Payane pour une intante défunte) 7.30 Means

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Telemann (Cuartet No 8 in A minor); Chopin (Scherzo No 2 in B fist minor, Cp 31);
Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococc Theme, Cp 33)

Rococo Theme, Op 33)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week:
Schubert (Overture, Die Zauberharfe: Quartettsatz, D 703; Symphony No 4 in C minor, D 417, Tragic)

9.35 Midweek Chotce, with Susan Sherpe. J. Strauss, son (Overture, Die Fledermaus); Mussorgsky (Promensde, Gnomus, Promensde, B vecchio castello — Pictures at an Exhibition); Lyapunov (Violin Concerto in D minor, (Violin Concerto in D minor, Op 61); Mozart (Venga pur, minacci a frema, Mitridate;

minacii e frema, Mitridate:
Ombra felicel — lo ti lascio e
questo addio, K 255); Kodály
(Suite, Háry Jénos);
Mussorgaky (Promenade,
Tuileries, Bydlo, Promenade,
Ballets des petits poussins,
Semuel Goldenberg und
Schmuyle — Pictures at an
Exhibition); Howard Hanson
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Pictures at an Exhibition) Swansea Festival 1991: BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka performs Mozart (Overture, The Magic Flute Plano Concerto No 21 in C, K 467: John Lill); Strauss (Till Eulenspiegel, Op 28)

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(Symphony No 5 in D minor, Op 47) 8.25-5.00am Test Match Special

May 5-5. Duam Test ments Special
(MW only): New Zesland v
England. The first day of the
third Test from Wellington
9.30 What's the Big Idea? (FM
only): Green Souls

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mesterly cuestioning of

mesterly questioning of Timothy O'Reardon, an

environmental sciences expert, John Lawton, a

member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and Robert Worcester, the head of Mori poils, whose soul is bright green, ensures that not for a

moment do we lose sight of the high commercial and political prices to be paid if the despoliation of the planet

is to be reduced to acceptable

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9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves
10.00 Wake's Weekly (FM only):
South London. Tony Wikinson
presents the fifth of six reports

10.00 N ws; Delty Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Book of Job. Joss Ackland reads the first of seven

episodes 10.30 Woman's Hour: Shella McLermon asks whether hobbies such as train spotting and record collecting are harmless pestimes or symptoms of a deep disorder 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Gardeners' Question Time: Patients and friends belonging Patients and friends belonging to the Association for Spiral Injuries and Research at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stammer, north London, put their queries to Clay Jones and experts (r) 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Out of Order: Chairman Debut House Chairman Chai

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Patrick Harnen chairs a new
series of the political quiz. He
is joined by MPs Julian
Criticities and Austin Mitchell
and guests (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; The Memoirs of
Sherlock Holmes: The
Musgrave Ritual (5 of 6) (s)
2.47 An Englishman in the Midi:
Madame Julie. John P. Harris
talks about living in a village in

10.15 French Song (FM only): Joan talks about living in a village in the south of France (2 of 6) (r) 3.00 News; File on 4 (r) 3.42 The Parts: Carol Vordenman

week's new films including Death in Brunswick and The Pleasure Principle, talks to the actor Ronald Pickup; and reviews Agnes de Mille's biography about the dancer and choreographer Martha

RADIO 4 4.45 Short Story: Flower Power, by James Thurlby. Read by Geoffrey Beevers 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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5.55 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint: Ned Shenin
chairs an edition of the music
quiz from the City of Leeds
College of Music (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts (FM only).
with John Waite
7.46-8.00 Voices in the Cold
Wind (FM only): Animal
People. Sam Dastor reads
myths and legends about the
Arctic Circle (5 of 6)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 Medicine Now (r)
8.30 On Ice: A reflection on ice, as
part of Radio 4's Northern
Lights festival, exploring its
chemistry, its barren
landscapes, its pull on the
romantic imagination and its
role in the development of
cities (s)
9.00 Protestors for Paradise

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CHOICE: Don't get too
excited over the news that, in
tonight's episode of Brien
Redhead's history of the
church from the Middle Ages,
we hear the voice of Stanley
talking about Livingstone. This
Stanley is Dr Brien Stanley,
tutor in church history at tutor in church history at Trinity College, Bristol. His Livingstone, though, is the famous missionary, and it still comes as a surprise to learn that during his years in Africa. he made only one convert —

he made only one convert — and even he lapsed. Rechead's starting point tonight is not, however, the brave missionaries but the French Revolution and the English evangelists (s) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financiel World Tonight (a) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) — 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Stories of Mystery — The Story of

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Stories of Mystery — The Story of Kwashin Koji, by Lafosdio Hearn (3 of 5).

11.00 Murder Most Foul: The Bloodstained Hendkerchief (4 of 6) (s) (r).

11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43 m News, incl 12.27 Westher 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only).

1.10am Partil Rocks (1985): Road movie stenring Chris Mulkey (2210512)
2.40 Ghoulles 2 (1986): The superretural beauts terrorise a carnival (469464)
4.10 Fover Pitch (1985): Drems about Begal gambling cless (897815). Ends at 5.45

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• Sasam into the Blue (1950, b/w)* Cornecy about a stowacety (19215956)

8.15 World of the Tallarman (1988): Fentasy achentures (89744)

10.15 Nobody's Boy: An orphen is sold to a travelling troupe (3244980)

1.50pm The Inn of the Stath Happinese (1988): Ingrid Bergman becomes a missionary in Chira (89816327)

4.30 Petypus Covet: A tug boat is abbotsged (8389163)

5.50 Sposlight (70798)

8.15 Dance Academy (1988): A cleasical ballet academy is transformed into a school for modern dance (80788). Asside (1988): James Woods and Robert Downey is transformed into a school for modern dance (80788). The Dear Hustier, Part One (1978): Four steakwoders leave Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The sask Pemsystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the Vietnern war (1,4288). The master is the Base Pemnystemin to flight in the

Hackmen's luck Improves when Terl Gerr (5933896). Ends at 5.05 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

SKY SPORTS

Wis the Astra and Marcopolo selections.
6.30am Aerobice (81696) 7.00 Footbalk FA

Cup, fourth-round replay — Wresham v West
Hen (17501) 9.00 American Sports Cavelcade (68940) 10.00 The Footballer's Football Show (40953) 12.00 Aerobice (24132)
12.30pm Footbals: FA Cup, fourth-round
replay (87479) 2.30 WWF Wrestling Chalage (68105) 3.30 Nebustors (203380)
3.55 Ford Snow Report (5003958) 4.00

Asian Shooker (4637) 8.00 The America's
Cup (49724) 7.00 Nebustors (4940) 7.30
A. Football: FA Cup, fourth-round zeplay:
Manchester Utd v Southampton (814834)

FM Stareo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newabeat 12.45 Gary Davies Says:
Let's Do Lurich 3.00 Steve Wright in the Affencion 5.30 News 12.600 Nesis James 7.30 Mark Goodler's Evering Session 9.00 The Man Szeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Camobell Goes into the Affencia New 10.00 Nicky Camobell Goes into the Affencia New 10.00 Nicky Camobell Costs into the Affencia Nicky Camobell Costs into the Affencia Nicky Camobell Costs into the Affencia Nicky Camobell Costs in the Affencia Nicky Camobell Nicky Camobell Costs in the Affencia Nicky Camobell Nicky Camobe

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.30 Brian Hayes: Good Morrang UK 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloris Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Chris Stuart 7.00 You Can't Have One without the Other Trouble and Strife. A celabration of working partnerships in the world of antertainment 7.30 Cider in Song (new series) with the Yettises 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2.9.00 The Organist Entertains (new series) 9.30 Just Janet. Jainet Brown takes a comic took at life in showbusiness (1 of 6) 10.00 Steve Ross and Friends 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennels with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Lattle Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
6.00am World Service. World News; 6.09 News
About Britain; 6.15 The World Today 6.30
Morning Ecoson 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The AM Atternative
12,30pm Education Matters 1.00 News Update 1, 15, 1; 2, 3, 4, 5 (1) 1,30 BFBS Worldwide:
Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service: Discovery 3.00 Recing from Ascut (3.05)
Charterhouse Handicap States; (3.35) Reynoldstown Novice States 4.05 World Service:
Development '92 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Nothing Ever Happens Here 7.30 The Flood First of
Innee-part drams, written by Charles Way 8.00 Charapson Sport, with Jon Champson.
Coverage of tenight's FA Cup fourth-round replays 10.00 News; Sport 10.16 Hit the North,
and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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Rodgers, soprano, Malcolm Martineau, piano, pertorm Debussy (Fétes galantes No 1); Poulenc (Flençailles pour rire); Rosenthal (Chansons du 1.00pm News 1.05 Concert Hall; Live from Broadcasting House, London. Louise Williams, viola, Francis Grier, piano, perform Schubert Moneyeur Bleu)

10.55 Fusion Guitar Trio (FM only)

performs Strunz (Shadow of Heaven; Zambalera); Hurtado

(Marinera); Strunz (Filo nuevo) (r) 11.30 News (Fill only) 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Williams — composer and conductor. Bellet suite, Old King Cole (Acollan Orchestra), Symphony No 4 in F minor (SBC SO) Week: Holst (r)
1.00-2.25am Night School (FM
only) (except in Scotland) (es
Radio 5 at 9am)

reports on modern technology
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the

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